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Ferocious Battle in Crete; Nazis Say Canea Captured

London, May 29.

NO official news of the fighting in Crete arrived in London this morning, and the German claim to have taken Canea cannot accordingly be confirmed although it is considered not unlikely that they have done so. If this is true the situation is serious.

Severe fighting is reported in progress in the western sector of the isle. Troops from Britain, New Zealand and Australia are fighting shoulder to shoulder in one of the fiercest battles of the war. German dive-bombers are carrying out a non-stop assault against the Imperial troops and the Germans are throwing more air-borne troops into the battle.—Reuter.

German raids on Crete have been carried out with unparalleled fury, according to advices received by the Greek Legation in London.

"The three pricipal towns, Canea, Heraklion and Rethymo, were heavily ploughed up by bombing which was carried out with mathematical precision so that eventually there was not a single stone left standing. People trying to get to their primitive shelters, particularly children, were ruthlessly machine-gunned. Raging fires completed the work of destruction. Hospitals, the wounded, etc., were not excluded in the general catastrophe.—Reuter.

Canea Hospitals Bombed

Cairo, May 29.

Two hospitals were burnt out with all patients when German airmen destroyed Canea on May 24, according to an eye-witness story by the Greek Minister of Labour, M. Dimitratos.

He said Canea was completely without defences, and old men, women and children were slaughtered and buried in the ruins.

Dive-bombers destroyed and set on fire houses and hospitals, and then fighters machine-gunned civilians seeking cover from the crumbling and blazing ruins of homes.—Reuter.

Desperate Struggle

London, May 29.

New Zealand, Australian and British troops are fighting side by side in Crete in a hand-to-hand struggle which grows daily more intense, according to the latest information from Crete.

More German troops are stated to be pouring into the main battlefield around Maleme and Canea, and it was announced from Cairo yesterday that the Allied troops had had to fall back in face of fierce attacks supported by heavy bombing.

An official spokesman in Cairo last night described the battle as an intensive, stand-up slogging match, and a New Zealand officer who has just returned to Cairo from Crete called it oldstyle fighting on the ground, with everything new in the air.

He added it was a type of fighting that appealed to the Dominion troops coming to grips with the enemy at close quarters.

The latest messages indicate that fighting is at such close quarters that it is hard to get a clear picture of what is going on. Isolated actions are being fought at Retimo and Heraklion, but the vital engagement is in the Canea area. British forces there hold a considerable line which is being incessantly attacked by the enemy by land and by air.

Like Counting Sheep

The New Zealand officer now in Cairo said that German parachute landings in the early stages of the attack on Crete went on with such monotony that it was like counting sheep.

It was stated in London today that the Germans had used over 1,000 troops-carrying planes, and that for the past two months they had been moving dive-bombers and fighters from north-west Europe through the Balkans. They had not moved many heavy bombers to south-eastern Europe, but the great number of machines they were able to concentrate in Greece and the Italian bases in the Dodecanese completely outnumbered the small British force withdrawn from Greece to Crete.

Nazi Version

The German High Command communique claims that German alpine troops in Crete are "pursuing the retreating enemy after severe fights" and have taken a large number of prisoners.

The communique adds Suda Bay, which had hitherto been defended by the British as an aerial base, has been cleared of the enemy. "The German air force was strongly supported by bombers and stukas yesterday and effectively attacked British positions on the north coast of Crete and sank a merchantship and a patrol boat in waters round the island."

In North Africa, the communique mentions fresh local British sorties.—Reuter.

Italians Land in Crete

Rome, May 29.

Italian troops have landed on the isle of Crete to co-operate with the German forces already fighting the British there, the High Command announced today.—United Press.

British Bombers Drop Explosives On North Germany

London, May 29.

British fighters last evening carried out a daylight sweep of the French coast and the straits and encountered enemy fighters, one of which was destroyed without any British loss, it is officially stated.

British planes also flew over north Germany coastal areas and dropped high-explosive and incendiary bombs, according to the German news agency.

Raids on Shipping Thwarted

An attempted enemy air attack on shipping yesterday was thwarted by Coastal Command aircraft. An Air Ministry communique says: "Yesterday, aircraft of the Coastal Command drove off and damaged several enemy planes which were attempting to attack shipping. One of these was shot down into the sea by a Hudson aircraft after spirited combat. Two aircraft of the Coastal Command are missing.

"Aircraft of the Bomber Command in daylight yesterday continued their search for enemy coastal shipping, in the course of which a small enemy supply ship was sighted and damaged. One aircraft of the Bomber Command is missing from these operations."—Reuter.

Big Nazi Force Raids Britain

London, May 29.

With the strengthening of the new moon, the largest force of German night **raiders to fly over Britain** since the night of May 10, when London was subjected to a big attack, last night and early this morning scattered bombs throughout England.

"Some damage was done and there were casualties," reported the Air and Home Security Ministries, while in "one place in the southeast a number of persons was rendered homeless. At least one enemy aircraft was destroyed."

Raiders Over Ireland

German raiders winged over a North Ireland town last night, but the attack was on a minor scale. A few bombs were dropped on a southeast England coastal district but damage was slight.—United Press.

Roosevelt Confers With Lord Halifax

Washington, May 29.

President Roosevelt, Lord Halifax, British Ambassador, and Mr. John Maynard Keynes, distinguished British economic expert, held a conference lasting two and a half hours on Wednesday. According to Britons, matters discussed included United States defence production and the general economic situation.

The quesion of further steps to protect shiping going to Britain was not discussed, stated Lord Halifax, who added that this was the President's business. Lord Halifax said Mr. Roosevelt told them how he thought production of war materials was progressing. Production was described as "extraordinarily progressing."—Reuter.

Only Three Survivors From H.M.S. Hood

London, May 29.

There are only three survivors of the British battle-cruiser Hood, one officer and two seamen, it is believed in London. The ship blew up so suddenly during the action off Greenland on Saturday morning that those not killed outright had little chance of escape. The Hood's normal complement was 1,341 officers and men.—Reuter.

13,000 Planes for U.S. Army Approved

Washington, May 29.

The House sub-committee has approved President Roosevelt's request for $2,790,000,000 for 13,000 planes for the army.—Reuter.

British Stop Nazi Push on Libyan Border

London, May 29.

British troops on Tuesday afternoon halted an attempted German advance along a line two miles east of Sollum, running 30 miles southward to the desert, says Reuter's special correspondent on the Libyan frontier.

The Germans yesterday did not attempt to push on but appeared to be consolidating the hold on Hellfire Pass and Sidi Suleiman, hoping to prevent British columns from rounding their right flank and attacking their rear.

German casualties are believed to be several times greater than British.

The Germans on Monday night drove out a small frontier post some miles south of Sollum.

British Face 40,000 Italians

The British forces in Abyssinia still have to deal with some 40,000 Italians distributed between the lakes district and Gondar, it was estimated here today. With the surrender of the 26th division, Italian prisoners now total between 80,000 and 90,000 men, who composed the Duke of Aosta's original force.

On Top of Pass

Apart from the occupation by the Germans of Halfaya pass, there is little change to report in the situation in the western desert on the second day of the renewed Nazi push across the Egyptian frontier, said reports from Cairo last night.

Most of the German forces are still on top of the pass and only a small number have emerged, so it is difficult to gauge the size of the operation still proceeding at the scene of the invaders' main thrust.

No Great Nazi Progress

The Germans have made no noticeable progress eastwards of the pass. They are using lorry-borne motorized troops, some tanks and now have some air support, but not as much as on the last push three weeks ago.

Operations are centred on a front six to seven miles southward of a point about seven miles from the sea.

Drive in Abyssinia

In the meantime, operations in Abyssinia are continuing steadily and most satisfactorily though they tend to grow harder towards the close because of rains, particularly in the south. The Italians there give no impression of strength nor will to resist and are being severely harassed by air bombing and rifle fire from the ground.

Debra Tabor, where the Italian garrisons are now surrounded by considerable patriot forces, is a half-way house on the road from Dessie to Gondar.

In Iraq the main activity is in the air.

Lord Birdwood's Speech

General Wavell's strategy in completing the conquest of the Italian East African empire when distractions were afoot further north was vindicated in the House of Lords yesterday by Field-Marshal Lord Birdwood and the Under-Secretary for War, Lord Croft.

Lord Birdwood, who is often called "the father of the Indian Army," said he had an uncomfortable feeling that unwittingly full justice had not been done to the magnificent work of the officers and men from India, Dominions and Colonies, in the East African campaign. He said the majority of the troops were from South Africa and India and practically every African Colony was represented. It was certain that Hitler had ordered his subordinate, the Duke of Aosta, to contain British troops as long as possible in Abyssinia in order to use up their large supplies. A feature of the campaign, however, was the extreme rapidity with which operations were carried through.

Indians Praised

Referring to mines and demolitions left by the retreating Italians, Lord Birdwood said: "No troops could have done better than my Indian friends in circumventing these difficulties."

Lord Croft warmly concurred in Lord Birdwood's praise of the Empire troops, notably Indian and South African, and said: "When we realize the colossal distance travelled in the great hunt for the Bismarck, it gives some idea of the distances covered from the East African sea coast to Addis Ababa, for within a month the capital of the Italian East African Empire was occupied.

Axis Strategy

Dealing with the importance of the East African operations, Lord Croft declared that the obvious strategy of the Axis was to pinch out Egypt and the Suez Canal and endeavour to drive the British from the Mediterranean. "Our first great essential, therefore, was to remove the great menace of the Duke of Aosta's army of 250,000, being able to attack us through the Sudan and Suez. The success of the operations may well have a very decisive influence on the momentous days which face us in the Middle East."

Lord Croft said in a campaign of hard fighting and continuous movement British forces in East Africa had captured over 90,000 of the Duke of Aosta's total forces which originally numbered about 300,000. There might still be some 17,000 Italians in the Gondar area and possibly 25,000 in the Jimma sector, he added.—Reuter.

Royal Navy Sinks Big Axis Transports And Supply Ships Bound for Africa

London, May 29.

The steady toll which the Royal Navy has been taking of enemy troops and supplies bound for the Western Desert theatre of war was augmented by the sinking of the 15,000-ton liner and other vessels announced in yesterday's Admiralty communique.

In addition to the destroyer referred to in the communique of May 23, this communique also stated that a troop-ship of about 9,000 tons, a 7,000-ton tanker and a large ammunition schooner had been sunk, while a smaller schooner had been shelled and hit several times.

In April, the Navy intercepted a south-bound convoy of five supply-ships, escorted by three Italian destroyers, between Sicily and Tripoli and annihilated it.

Not only in the Mediterranean has the enemy felt the weight of Britain's attack on shipping. Supply vessels creeping along the occupied coasts of Europe giving relief to the hard pressed Nazi railway have been constantly attacked by the R.A.F. in daylight, with considerable success.

A German supply ship of approximately 5,000 tons was struck twice by heavy bombs dropped by an R.A.F. coastal command aircraft off Brest on Wednesday. Five armed trawlers were escorting the supply ship.

The supply ship was left listing and settling down after he pilot of the British plane estimated that his second salve "torpedoed" it below the water line. All the armed trawlers opened fire but the plane was hit only twice.—Reuter.

Squadron Purchased by Burma

This is a view of some of the pilots of the Royal Air Force Squadron which has been bought by contributions raised in Burma. There is one Burmese, an engineer, working with the squadron, the only Burmese so far to have received a commission in the R.A.F. The squadron's leader, R. R. Stanford-Tuck, D.S.O., D.F.C. and bar, has at least 26 Nazi planes to his credit.

Iraqi Rebels Flood Roads As British Advance on Baghdad

London, May 29.

BRITISH forces in Iraq are advancing towards Baghdad, it was officially announced here today.

The rebels are cutting the banks of irrigation canals and flooding the roads in an effort to stop the British advance.—Reuter.

Delhi, May 29.

A visitor to Basrah would be surprised (in view of enemy broadcasts from Baghdad) to find the town peaceful, says an account received in Simla from an official eye-witness at Basrah.

However, the presence of soldiers in the streets and of camps around Basrah and Ashahr indicate that these were troubled areas. The presence of strong forces of Indian troops at Basrah expedited the return of order, and the people have been able to resume their daily lives, says the report.

On May 7 steps were taken to restore order in Ashahr which had seen troops enter the town simultaneously by road and naval vessels early in the morning, and all important objectives were secured. By the following day, the whole area had been successfully occupied without further opposition. Behaviour of the troops in carrying out the operations was examplary. Contact was established with the local Iraqi officials, and it was made clear to them that there was no question of the area being governed by the British. A provisional Government was formed by the local population in Ashahr.

Now, the administration of Basrah and Ashahr is functioning satisfactorily.—Reuter.

Regent Reaches Fallujah

London, May 29.

The Regent of Iraq, Emir Abdul Illah, and the former Premier, General Nuries Said, have arrived in Fallujah, according to an unconfirmed report.

They have gone to Iraq to set up a new government, and it is said the government will move to Baghdad later when the capital has been entered by British troops, who are now advancing on it.—Reuter.

Situation in Syria

London, May 29.

There had been no further adverse developments in Syria up to yesterday, Mr. Winston Churchill, Prime Minister, announced.—Reuter.

Britons Leave

Beirut, May 29.

Remaining members of the British Consular staff here, headed by Mr. Geoffrey Furlong, left yesterday for Palestine while French Consular officials in Palestine simultaneously left for Syria—thus ending the recall of consular representatives ordered by both countries.

An official communique issued from Iraq claimed that the military situation there remained unchanged.—United Press.

"Critical Stage" In N.E.I., Japan Talks Reached

Tokyo, May 29.

The negotiations in Batavia between the Japanese and the Netherlands East Indies are reported to have reached a "very critical" stage.

According to Japanese sources, 10 days have elapsed without reply since the Japanese Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs, Mr. Chuichi Ohashi, requested the Dutch Minister, General J. C. Pabst, on May 19 to expedite the economic talks at Batavia.

The Netherlands East Indies, these quarters point out, is taking an "anti-Japanese attitude as the international situation seemingly is turning favourable to Britain and the United States." These circles fear that the situation would take a serious turn unless the Netherlands East Indies reconsiders her attitude towards Japan.—Reuter.

"Lack of Sincerity"

Tokyo, May 29.

The vernacular press today feared that the trade talks between Japan and the Netherlands East Indies would collapse because the Dutch were showing a lack of sincerity.

The "Nichi Nichi" said that the parley had entered its "most crucial stage" on account of the failure of the N.E.I. to reply so far to the Japanese Government's "final notification."

The journal asserted that there was little hope at present of breaking the deadlock owing to the parleys' complicated nature and the recent increasing trend of the N.E.I. toward collaboration on military, diplomatic and economic matters with Britain and the United States.

Whether the situation would be aggravated depends on the attitude to be shown by the N.E.I., warned the "Nichi Nichi."—United Press.

"Anglo-U.S. Pressure"

Tokyo, May 29.

Commenting on the "most critical stage" reached in the Batavia economic parleys, the "Asahi Shimbun" said that following the collapse of the Netherlands the Netherlands East Indies showed a desire to seek a rational readjustment of economic relations with Japan, but later her attitude stiffened because of vigorous economic pressure from Great Britain and the United States.—Domei.

King Sends Thanks To Shanghai

In reply to the telegram despatched to His Majesty the King from the British and Dominion National Societies in Shanghai on the occasion of Empire Day, the following telegram has been received:—

"The King thanks British and Dominion National Societies in Shanghai for their loyal message on Empire Day which His Majesty greatly appreciates."

Germany Repeats Warning to U.S.

New York, May 29.

Nazi Germany again repeated its warning yesterday that U.S. vessels carrying aid to Britain would be torpedoed, but there was no great counter-blast against President Roosevelt's declarations that the Administration intends to ensure "freedom of the seas" and crush the threat to the integrity of the Western Hemisphere.

Mr. Roosevelt's speech evoked the mildest comment from the Wilhelmstrasse of any utterance by the President on international affairs during the past 12 months. The speech was termed "unsensational and not news," although mild criticism was made of a few points in the speech.

Authorized German sources further indicated that the speech will not be made the subject of a fierce counter-blast by the German press as occurred in the case of his other recent speech.

Great Many Words

"It is possible some German newspapers may comment but there will be no general German press reply," these sources stated. "We found his arguments pretty unconvincing. He used a great many words regarding the alleged threat to the Western Hemisphere. We regard these as empty words, unfair and as imputing non-existent motives to us."

Other German authorized quarters declared that "we must draw attention to Admiral Raeder's warning two days ago and the Führer's famous statement that 'any ship coming in front of our torpedo tubes will be torpedoed.'

"Defining freedom of the seas, Mr. Roosevelt picks on just one small part of the concept of real freedom of the seas. His idea of freedom of the seas is sending war materials to England," these quarters added.—United Press.

British Cruiser York Lost at Suda Bay

London, May 29.

The British cruiser York (8,250 tons) must be regarded as a total loss, according to an Admiralty communique.

The York was damaged some time ago and was under repair in Suda Bay when the battle for Crete began. She has been repeatedly bombed. The only casualties are two killed and five wounded. The next of kin of the casualties have been informed.

The main armament of the York, which was completed in 1930, consisted of six 8-inch guns and eight 4-inch guns. The vessel had a speed of 32 knots.—Reuter.

U.S. Asked to Outdo Nazi Arsenals

New York, May 29.

The great United States trade union organization the American Federation of Labour, has responded to President Roosevelt's broadcast by directing all affiliating unions to refrain from calling strikes in defence industries until all possibilities have been exhausted.

Mr. Wendell Willkie, in an appeal to American labour today, said: "We cannot be satisfied merely to make plane for plane and tank for tank—we must outdo the arsenals of the Nazis."—Reuter.

Nazi Ship Intercepted

London, May 29.

The German merchant ship Lech (Bremen, 3,290 tons) has been intercepted by one of His Majesty's ships on her way from a South American port to occupied France. Built in 1939, the Lech is owned by the Norddeutscher Lloyd.—Reuter.

British Planes Said to Have Attacked Tunisian Port

Vichy, May 29.

BRITISH planes, it is alleged, attacked the Tunisian Port of Sfax when an Italian cargo-ship they had damaged took refuge in that port.

The official French news agency claims that the French steamer Rabelais (Rouen, 4,999 tons) was hit, eight persons were injured, and that fire broke out aboard but was brought under control.

Another bomb is alleged to have struck a warehouse, wounding several people. Another Italian cargo-ship, it is claimed, was attacked and damaged outside the port. When the ship anchored near some islands 12 miles away, it was again attacked, it is added.—Reuter.

Vichy Takes Serious View

Vichy, May 28.

The bombing of the port of Sfax, in Tunisia, by British planes today is considered absolutely unjustified in competent quarters here, and deeply stirred the French population.

The latter's reaction was all the stronger since a series of British initiatives, similarly inspired, were made known during the day.

First of all there was the statement made by the British Trade Minister in which he declared that Syria and the Lebanon would be henceforth considered as enemy-occupied territory. This thesis is considered undefendable in Vichy for Syria and the Lebanon are exclusively and effectively under French mandate.

Next came news of the British raids on Syrian territory today, in the course of which a British plane was shot down near Aleppo. The activity of French anti-aircraft batteries is considered a demonstration of France's determination to defend her Empire at any cost.

Thirdly, there was the announcement made in the House of Commons by the British Parliamentary Secretary to the War Office, Mr. Dingle, that no further navicerts for vessels carrying foodstuffs to France are at present being considered.

This announcement was received calmly in France, where it is hoped that the measure is only a temporary one.

Agreement with U.S.

A food supply agreement was concluded but recently with the United States. Requests for novicerts are made by the latter for shipments of foodstuffs considered indispensable for the French population, such as wheat, and also for shipments of oil.

The French tanker Sheherazade, which had been granted a regular navicert, was nevertheless seized.

Protest Lodged

Through the intermediary of the United States, the French Government addressed a protest to Britain with reference to the bombing of the port of Sfax, Tunisia, by the Royal Air Force.—Havas Telemondial.

Roosevelt Not to Ask Repeal of Neutrality

Washington, May 29.

ALTHOUGH President Roosevelt declared yesterday that he did not intend to request the repeal of the Neutrality Law, he avoided questions of whether he might ask Congress to revise the act instead.

The President told Washington correspondents that such questions were too refined to warrant an answer. He added that he saw no conflict between his proclaimed policy and the Neutrality Law restrictions against American vessels entering combat zones. Without retreating from his fundamental principle, the President said that the freedom of the seas may be maintained while at the same time vessels may be forbidden to enter certain ports.

He insisted that throughout the history of the present neutrality legislation there was a definite intent in Congressional action to reserve the full rights for the freedom of the seas as America's traditional policy, even though certain combat zones were so defined and American ships were forbidden to enter those zones.

Regarding the invoking of priorities in steel production, he cited the revised Government report revealed increased needs under the Lend-Lease Act and the expanded defence programme, which would result in a deficit in 1941 of 1,400,000 tons of steel compared with the earlier estimate that a surplus of 10,000,000 tons existed.

Also, he added, it was now indicated that in 1942 the deficit would aggregate 6,400,000 tons compared with the earlier estimate that a 2,000,000-ton surplus would exist.

Roosevelt to Move Slowly

President Roosevelt disclosed yesterday that he would move very slowly to implement his powers under the executive order issued on Tuesday night placing the nation in a full state of emergency. Such moves, he added, would take the form of proclamations or executive orders issued from time to time.

Mr. Roosevelt disclosed that priorities will invoked in steel production as a result of the shortage of production facilities. He also disclosed that if an appeal to labour and capital to refrain from strikes fails, further positive action may be forthcoming.

New Naval Operations?

Informed quarters yesterday interpreted President Roosevelt's assurance that Britain would receive goods from America as the signal for extension of United States naval operations into the Atlantic, probably by "task forces" especially designed to meet any Axis threat.

These quarters said U.S. forces probably would be composed of battleships, aircraft carriers, destroyers and submarines. They predicted that these forces would operate in a manner similar to that of the British squadron which sought the Bismarck.

While serving notice that the United States intends to aid Britain and China and deliver the goods at whatever cost, President Roosevelt said that the physical peril must be met by a complete national concentration on the objectives of the production of defence.

This, he stressed, must be done at whatever the cost to individual interests of capital, labour and management.

Thus, the United States for the first time now is possessed of a clearly enunciated policy of:

1. Material aid to Britain and China by all means possible.
2. Maintenance of the freedom of the seas.
3. Protection of the western hemisphere against all aggression and all potential geographical threats of aggression.
4. Support for these policies with armed force, if necessary.

U.S. Decision

The United States must now choose between supporting the policy, which involves full national effort and virtually envisions the final eventuality of war if the Axis chooses to combat the policy, or of repudiating the national Administration by sheer pressure of public opinion. Observers believe the choice will gravitate toward the former.—United Press.

U.S. Said Placed On Verge of War Against Axis

Washington, May 29.

Mr. Philip Simms, noted commentator for the Scripps-Howard newspapers, yesterday wrote that "foreign envoys here have warned their governments that the United States now is awaiting only an 'over act' by the Axis to enter the war shooting.

"That is their interpretation of President Roosevelt's address and proclamation," Mr. Simms said.

"President Roosevelt's action in acquainting Congressional leaders with what was to come (before the speech), and his subsequent pronouncements, were regarded by diplomats as being as close to a declaration of war as the President was able to go.

Clear as an Ultimatum

"Envoys described United States policy as being as clear as an ultimatum — which, in effect, the speech could be called without great exaggeration," Mr. Simms wrote.

Mr. Raymond Clapper, another noted Scripps-Howard columnist, said that "our America changed overnight.

"Without action by Congress or any mention thereof, President Roosevelt assumed new powers. The President placed himself in the position to begin undeclared war, or rather unannounced fighting against the Axis, when his judgement calls for it. This (the speech and proclamation) is in effect an executive declaration of a state of war."—United Press.

U.S. Comment

Washington, Mar. 29.

Congressional comment on President Roosevelt's speech is split along the lines of praise from the Democrats and supporters of all-out aid to the democracies and criticism from the Republicans. In the latter school, the noon-interventionist Mr. Alfred Landon, Republican presidential nominee in 1936, declared: "It is the end of a democratic government in the United States, at least temporarily."

That the nation was deeply stirred by the speech is obvious from the favourable comment continuing to pour in from all over the country.

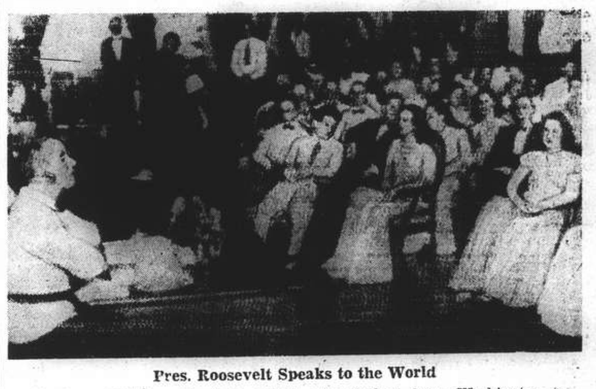
Front pages proclaimed: "We are in it now." The New York "Post" under huge black streamers stated: "The President has spoken—our Navy may be used without further notice to safeguard Dakar, the Azores and Cape Verde."

Governor Lehman, of New York State, said the speech would bring "renewed faith and strength to those bravely fighting to preserve their own freedom and the liberties of those other countries which still remain free."

The New York "Sun" said: "The United States is on an emergency basis committed to stop the Axis."

Other press comment throughout the country was generally favourable. The Philadelphia "Public Ledger" commented: "The hour of decision has found American public opinion thoroughly prepared."

stated: "The President simply registered the facts of the situation and the conclusion of the great majority of the prevailing mood of the country."—Reuter.



Pres. Roosevelt Speaks to the World

This Press Union radiophoto, which was flashed from Washington to San Francisco and from there to Tokyo, from which city it was flown to Shanghai, shows Pres. Roosevelt delivering his eagerly awaited fireside chat on Wednesday night (11.30 a.m. Thursday Shanghai D.S.T.). Members of the Diplomatic Corps and of the South American Mission (right) heard the President's address in which he declared a state of unlimited national emergency.

U.S. Navy Calling Up 35,000 More Men For Immediate Service

New York, May 28.

The Navy Recruiting Bureau, announcing the lowering of physical standards, particularly dental and height requirements, has made a second call within ten days for 35,000 men between the ages of 17 and 50 for immediate service.—Domei.

New Training Schools

Washington, May 29.

Col. Frank Knox, Secretary of Navy, announced yesterday that the Navy plans to open 23 schools in which to train enlisted men to become petty officers to man the "two-ocean navy" now being built. He estimated that 114,422 men among the 256,000 comprising the navy's enlisted personnel by July 1 would be petty officers.

The United States Maritime Commission announced yesterday that it was arranging to acquire a group of merchantships to be used as naval auxiliaries.

The group will include the liner America, largest passenger vessel ever built in the United States. The 27,000-ton America was completed last year for the Atlantic trade, and since has been used on trips to South America.—United Press.

Roosevelt Stated to Have Cleared Decks for Action

London, May 29.

"President Roosevelt has cleared the decks for action." These words of one London spokesman yesterday summed up the general impression on the President's broadcast, which was widely regarded by the public of Great Britain as giving the head of the United States government power to do almost anything, says Reuters diplomatic correspondent.

Particular attention was naturally paid in London to the President's declaration of the freedom of the seas, which was regarded here as being extremely important.

Predictions in America that the Axis powers would not like the President's speech were seen here as very accurate, not only because of the positive promises of aid to Great Britain, but also because of its vivid and striking analysis of Hitler's technique of agression.—Reuter.

British Press Reaction

London, May 29.

Morning newspapers in London today claimed that the United States was now virtually at war with the Axis powers in commenting editorially on President Roosevelt's speech.

Banner-lines published over Washington despatches read: "We Are In, Says America," or "U.S.S. Declares Country Already at War."

The "Daily Mail" editorially declared that "America is at war with Germany without yet being in 'a state of war.' President Roosevelt in his great speech could scarcely put the matter more plainly outside of a formal declaration."

The "News Chronicle" declared that "technically the United States still is not at war with the Axis, but the dividing line between war and peace now is so tenuous that it is rarely discernible.....Mr. Roosevelt has spoken. It is guns that will speak next."—United Press.

National Clamour

Washington, May 29.

President Roosevelt yesterday led the United States near to the limits of undeclared war as he prepared to implement his unlimited emergency proclamation.

His speech aroused a national clamour of applause and dispute. Praise and condemnation of the address came from leaders and the man in the street.

"This means war," declared Representative Melvin J. Maas, Republican of Minnesota, while Senator Tom Connally, Democrat of Texas, termed the speech a "ringing call to duty and service for all Americans."

Taft Displeased

Senator Robert A. Taft, Republican of Ohio, said the "declaration of an unlimited national emergency has no legal effect whatsoever. The President has no statutory or constitutional authority to declare such an emergency."

Senator Carter Glass, Democrat of Virginia, agreed "with every word (of the speech) and more besides."

Representative Sam Rayburn, Democrat of Texas and Speaker of the House of Representatives, said the speech "will be encouraging to Democratic peoples throughout the world."

The speech was termed a "very strong statement of the Administration's basic philosophy" by Senator Walter F. George, Democrat of Georgia and Chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

Representative Hamilton Fish, Republican of New York and a leading isolationist, called the address "just a sop to the interventionists."

Already Convoying

"The President gives notice we already are convoying," declared Senator Gerald P. Nye, Republican of Nevada, said the speech was just "another way of declaring war."

"President Roosevelt firmly accepted and courageously exercised the great responsibility vested in him by the American people in an unparalleled world crisis," commented Senator Robert F. Wagner, Democrat of New York.—United Press.

Wheeler Condemns Speech

Indianapolis, May 29.

Senator Burton K. Wheeler, Democrat of Montana and bitter foe of the Administration's foreign policy, yesterday vigorously condemned President Roosevelt's Tuesday night fireside speech.

"It was a virtual declaration of war," Senator Wheeler said. "The President talks about hard, cold facts, but no one in America has tried to create fear in the minds of the American people more than President Roosevelt, since March 4, 1938.....

"The cold, hard facts are that the nation is not ready and can not land an expeditionary force in Europe.... I don't know what the President meant by declaring an emergency. What more powers can he take than he already has, unless he takes over labour, industry, communications and the press?"—United Press.

Isolationist View

Washington, May 29.

House and Senate isolationist leaders after discussing President Roosevelt's speech last night urged the American people "to carry on with renewed vigour and determination the campaign to keep our country from a shooting war."

The group issued a statement through Senator Robert M. La Follette of Wisconsin, which declared that "members of Congress who opposed our military and naval intervention in foreign war declare we will redouble our efforts to keep out of war in Europe, Asia and Africa.

"We are encouraged to carry on the fight against war because the President has not yet been won over to the war party. In his fireside chat he did not close the door on millions of voters who believe his unequivocal promise of the presidential campaign.....

"The voice of 80 per cent. of the American people opposed to war has been heard in Washington above the clamour of 'war now' spokesmen including members of the President's cabinet.

"Public opinion still functions in us. War is not inevitable," the statement added.—United Press.

Reaction in Australia

Sydney, May 29.

So great was the interest in President Roosevelt's declaration that the doors of radio shops were packed with listeners, who even blocked the side-walks. Cars equipped with radio sets were surrounded with people listening intently.

President Roosevelt's insistence on "the freedom of the seas" in his momentous speech is regarded in authoritative Federal circles as having a tremendous significance.

It is believed that this reference will lead to the abandonment of the previously proclaimed defence zones, to the much wider use of American ships in areas from which they had hitherto been debarred and to the unhesitating use of force in resisting an enemy attack on them.—Reuter.

Swiss Disappointed

Zurich, May 29.

The first press comments show keen disappointment over President Roosevelt's speech, which, according to the "Basler Nachrichten," added nothing to what he had already said before.

"If America has decided to enter the war, it is difficult to understand why she does not fulfil this decision in the hour of the greatest need of her Anglo-Saxon friend," said the paper.

The paper assumed that American public opinion was still unprepared.—Reuter.

Wall Street Reaction

New York, May 28.

Stocks moved irregular with only light turnover today but firmed near the close of the session and many evened up in view of the weekend holiday and favourable Wall Street reaction to President Roosevelt's speech.

Market analysts said the speech cleared away many uncertainties. In addition, business news was good and war stocks were in demand—notably shipbuilding shares and Lockheed Aircraft.—United Press.

"The Times" Comments

London, May 29.

The high point of President Roosevelt's broadcast was his unequivocal declaration that the delivery of needed supplies to Britain is imperative, and that this can, must and will be done, says "The Times" "Thus the President commits himself and his country to the responsibility of protecting supplies furnished by the United States to those using them in the front-line of the battle for human freedom. This step in advance is a response to the widespread demand in the United States from people who felt that the whole purpose of the Lease-Lend Act was being frustrated by German sinkings.

"The German Commander-in-Chief has warned the United States against convoying. Once more a clumsy attempt at intimidation has failed, as it always must fail in dealing with the American people. Nor was it only an attempt. The German certainly hoped that the presence of their most modern and powerful battleship in the western Atlantic would deter Americans from any action which might possibly lead to trouble."—Reuter.

P.I. Export Bill Approved by U.S. President

Washington, May 29.

President Roosevelt yesterday utilized the opportunity afforded by the largest press conference of recent years to announce approval of the Philippine Export Control Bill.

The export control division already has sent two experts to Manila to begin establishing Administration machinery for the control system, it was learned from the highest authoritive sources.

The President announced to the press that Mr. Fancis B. Sayre, U.S. High commissioner to the Philippines, would issue export licences on behalf of the U.S. Secretary of State. He also announced that Philippine courts would be invested with powers to punish violations of the export control restrictions.

Central Control

It was understood that by issuing a proclamation simultaneously with the signature of the law itself, the President immediately invoked control of all commodities and products under export control in the United States, inclusive of fats, oils, manganese, chromite, steel, pig iron, glycerine, coconut oil and copra. Hemp is not yet controlled but may be added to the list momentarily. Corpa, coconut oil, hemp and minerals are the chief products the United States desires to conserve.

Highly placed experts told the United Press that Japan had bought the equivalent of four years' supply of coconut oil from the Philippines in the last several months and Russia had purchased 50 years' supply based on past purchases.

United States experts were convinced that these abnormal amounts were intended to be trans-shipped to Germany.

The bill is considered as recognition of the new federal attitude toward the Phillippines as an integral part of the U.S. economic machinery.—United Press.

Japan's Adherence to Axis May Soon Weaken

Washington, May 29.

There is a growing belief in Administration circles that Japan's adherence to the Axis may soon weaken, according to responsible legislators who talked with President Roosevelt a few hours previous to his radio speech two days ago.

They cited as evidence the President's omission of Pacific problems in his radio talk. Their belief, they said, was based on information that business interests were gaining influence in Tokyo and might eventually prevail over the militarists.

Senator George, chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, declared in his opinion it was significant that President Roosevelt did not discuss the Pacific, and he thought some change in the Far Eastern situation might be in the offing.—Reuter.

2,000 Men Sank With Bismarck

Zurich, May 29

Nearly 2,000 men were lost in the sinking of the German 30,000-ton battleship Bismarck, according to an estimate reported by the Berlin correspondent of the "Basler Nachrichten," who observed that the crews of German ships were bigger than British.—Reuter.

"A Great Hunt"

London, May 29.

"It was a great hunt and we are eager and ready for more," states a message to the Admiralty from the Commander-in-Chief of the Coastal Command replying to a signal from the Admiralty gratefully acknowledging the part played by coastal Command aircraft in reconnaissance for the Bismarck which, the signal says, "contributed in large measure to the successful outcome of the recent operation."—Reuter.

U.S. Aircraft's Role

London, May 29.

American-built aircraft played a vital role in the sinking of the German battleship Bismarck, the Admiralty disclosed yesterday.

Dodging anti-aircraft fire every time they showed themselves from a cloud," said an Admiralty communique, "American-built Catalina flying boats of the R.A.F. Coastal Command, together with Sunderland flying boats, shadowed the German battleship Bismarck until she was sunk by ships of the Royal Navy.

"The story begins when the Bismarck was discovered in Norwegian Fjords, and was attacked during a storm by American-built Hudson planes.

"Later on, when she was sighted again by ships of the Royal Navy in the North Atlantic, shadowing was taken up by a Sunderland flying boat, which subsequently witnessed the first engagement between the British and German forces.

Shadow the Bismarck

"This Sunderland was relieved by a Catalina which continued to shadow the Bismarck as it fled southward. From this time onward, Catalina flying boats of the Coastal Command cooperated with H. M. ships, keeping watch on her every movement and device to evade the chase and action.

"The Catalinas 'quartered' the sea so that there was scant possibility the Bismarck might escape. Every few seconds the Catalinas would dart from clouds, but those few seconds were sufficient for enemy guns to come into action and surround the aircraft with bursting shells.

"One Catalina darted from a cloud 400 yards from the Bismarck. So intense were the salvoes from the Bismarck's guns that the Captain had to take the most violent avoiding action. Even in the few seconds he was out of the cloud, the hull of the flying boat was pierced with holes in several places.

20-Hour Flight

"The Catalina crew plugged the holes and the flying boat kept on with its mission over the Bismarck nearly 10 hours longer. The flight lasted 20 hours in all.

"Toward the end of the Bismarck's run she repeatedly launched her own aircraft in attempts to drive off the shadowing Catalinas but each time the Catalinas disappeared into the clouds, only to return a few moments later and resume unrelenting watch.—United Press.

Manila Sees U.S. on Road to War

Manila, May 28.

Although Philippines circles here expressed the opinion that President Roosevelt's fireside chat moved the United States further along the road to war, they stressed that the speech said little concerning the situation in the Pacific.

Observers here predicted that the proclamation of unlimited national emergency was merely to produce domestic effects. Immediately after reading the full report of the President's address, Mr. Francis B. Sayre, Philippines High Commissioner, conferred with President Manuel Quezon

Although officials attached to the Commissioner's office revealed nothing of what was discussed, they warmly praised the speech as an accurate expression of the American people's sentiment. Pointing out that President Roosevelt's stand was for liberty and freedom, they declared that the defence of freedom was nothing new to the American or Philippine peoples.—Domei.

Honours for African Operations Announced

London, May 29.

In recognition of the recent successful operations in East Africa the King has ordered the following promotions in, and appointments to, the Order of the Bath:

Knights Commander. Major-Gen Alan Gordon Cunningham and Major-Gen. William Platt; Companions of the Bath. Major-Gen. Alfred Reade Godwin-Asten, Col. Harry Edward Weatherall, and Brigadier-Gen. George Edwin Brink, of the South African Staff corps.

Appointments as Knights Commander of the British Empire have been given to W. A. Jorgen, R.A.L. Lewis and MacLesfield Heath of the Indian Army.—Reuter.

Australian Cabinet to Review Developments

Canberra, May 29.

The Prime Minister, Mr. R. G. Menzies, announced yesterday that Parliament will adjourn on Friday for a fortnight to enable the Cabinet to discuss the latest developments in the war situation and he information he has brought from Britain.—Reuter.

Kaiser's Health Causing Anxiety

Doorn, May 29.

Ex-Kaiser Wilhelm's health was causing anxiety among his entourage here, it was learned today. His health had greatly worsened in the past few months, during which he had not left his room.—United Press.

Iraqi Regent Said Forming Government

Cairo, May 29.

Emir Abdul Illah, Regent of Iraq, accompanied by General Nuri as-Said, fromer Premier, entered Fallujah, where the new Iraq Government will be formed, reliable Iraqi sources said last night.

The Regent was reported to have been welcomed enthusiastically, receiving deputations from all parts of the country, including Baghdad, to where the new Government plans to move later.—United Press.

Cathedral School For Boys Aids War Funds

The Cathedral School for Boys gave another excellent entertainment in aid of War Funds, yesterday, to a large audience. Their first number, a series of scenes from "Nicholas Nickleby" by Charles Dickens and adapted by Evelyn Smith, must have been of special interest to the boys, giving them an insight into how unpleasant an institution a school can be, when run by a man like Mr. Wackford Squeers of Dotheboys Hall. Mr. R. C. Warren gave a very good characterization in his role of the principal of the school, Mr. Wackfrod. Nicholas Nickleby was played by I. C. Smart, young Wackford by A. J. Webb, while G. McBain and J. C. Manley were fine in their role of Mrs. Squeers, the irate wife, and Fanny the daughter, respectively. The pupils were played by Messrs. R. G. Southerton, G. E. Tully, H.M.P. Thomson, P. A. Steventon, C. J. Huckstep, and C.J.W. Hunter. The producer was Mr. E. R. Mitchell.

The Physical Training Display showed the physical fitness and sound training the boys receive, as they went through numerous exercises with precision and ease. Those in the clicking dumb-bell series were Messrs. L. H. de Cosier, J.S.O. Pearson, M. F. Crow, R. H. Felgate, W. S. Huggett, E. Evans, A. F. Rankin and A. S. Gander. In the Progressive Pyramids in which finally twelve boys took part, forming the most advanced and difficult pyramids, were Messrs. G. Arnold-Jones, G. H. Barton, H. J. Tinson, G. E. Tate, A. J. Stevens, J. P. K. Baker, H. M. Woodland, D. A. Parr, D. J. Oliver, P. R. F. Griffin, H. G. Walker and I. J. Sole. This display was produced by Mr. G. Beckerman.

Chinese Playlet

"The Stolen Prince" by Dan Totheroh, was a most interesting playlet in typical Chinese fashion with P. J. Krass as the sleepy property man, almost stealing away the show. Mr. K. J. Martin was the efficient Chorus who related coming events and explained each scene. The parts of Long Fo and Wing Lee and that of Joy, the stolen prince were well rendered by Messrs. D. R. Gander, C. A. L. Palmer and H. E. Jackson respectively. Other parts were played by Messrs. J. M. H. Liley, J. S. David, J. M. Cox, J. A. D. Hutchison, P. R. D. Colman, and W. G. Brandt. The Chinese orchestra which burst forth into noise at frequent intervals, was composed of Messrs. D. K. Traynor, D. Grant, L. B. Greenhalgh, J. M. Marshall, B. L. Gander, and T. A. G. Steventon. The costumes, were most realistic, and made up for the necessary lack of scenery in this last play, which was produced by Mr. B. R. Brown.

Lucky Consul-General

Mr. A. H. George, H.M. Consul-General, was the lucky winner of a picture of the rock of Gibraltar, a merchant vessel and a battleship with the words underneath in large lettering, "There'll Always be an England", which was painted and presented by J.S.O. Pearson, one of the Cathedral School boys, at an "American Auction." This auction was kindly run by Mr. G. E. Marden, who succeeded in raising seven hundred dollars. The Rev. P. C. Matthews explained that a letter had been received by Dean A. C. S. Trivett, from Sgt. Pilot A. C. Fotheringham, a former pupil of the Cathedral School, asking if it were possible to send him a parcel since he is now a prisoner of war in Germany. Arrangements have been made to send him four parcels a month, the cost of which will be $50 each month.

Tonight, when the performance will be repeated, a painting of an old English country scene, painted and presented by Mr. R. A. Radik, will also be sold by "American Auction."

The pupils of the school showed real acting ability and a keen sense of drama last night, and, if one can judge by the hearty and sincere manner in which they all sang "There'll Always Be An England," a true desire to uphold the ancient traditions of the British Empire.

Germans Claim British Torture Parachutists

Berlin, May 29.

A German military spokesman last night charged that the Reich had just received reports British soldiers had tortured German parachutists captured in Crete and said that an official communique regarding the alleged torturings would be published soon.

The spokesman said that according to reports received yesterday, the British tied hand-grenades to the German parachutists and then exploded them. Calling attention to the first German Communique regarding fighting in Crete which said Germany would exact reprisals of 10 to 1 for such acts, the spokesman indicated that the Nazi reprisals would be severe.—United Press.

Netherlands Refugees Arrive in N.E.I.

Batavia, May 29.

Another batch of Netherlands refugees from southern France and Portugal has arrived in the Netherlands East Indies. A further group is en route here, but they are not expected here until after a few months.

It is recalled that American relief organizations are giving valuable aid in evacuating Netherlands refugees from war-stricken Europe.—Reuter.

France Allowed to Rebuild Air Force

Vichy, May 28.

Marshal Henri Philippe Petain, Chief of the French State, today inspected the revitalized Aulnat airbase near Clermont-Ferrand, after which officials disclosed that Italy and Germany have relaxed their armistice agreements with France to permit the latter to rebuild her continental air force "for defence of the French Empire."

No disclosure was made regarding the strength of the air force, however, the Information Office issued a statement declaring that in view of the British attack against the French Fleet last year at Dakar and Mers el-Kebir, the Nazi authorities have agreed that an air force is the proper means of resisting any foreign aggression.

The disclosure followed the announcement that British bombers had raided a Tunisian port and had set fire to the 4,999-ton French ship Rabelais, injuring eight persons. At the same time the announcement revealed that French and British planes had clashed in Syria during which three were killed when an American-made Glenn Martin bomber was shot down near Aleppo.

The new incidents coincided with the meeting in Paris between Admiral Jean Francois Darlan, Vice Premier; General Charles Huntzinger, War Minister, and other members of the Petain Government, the second meeting held in Paris since the Nazi occupation.—Domei.

THE CINEMA

"Western Union"

Richard Blake .....Robert Young
Vance Shaw .....Randolph Scott
Edward Creighton .....Dean Jagger
Sue Creighton .....Virginia Gilmore
Doc Murdoch .....John Carradine
Herman .....Slim Summerville
Romer .....Chill Wills
Jack Slade .....Barton MacLane
Governor .....Russell Hicks
Charlie .....Victor Kilian

Hollywood's Westerns are getting better and better, combining in greater quantities elements which have an all-round appeal, instead of just a "two-gun Pete" type of appeal. In "Western Union" now at the Grand, the story is well-knit and contains quite a lot more than mere cowboys and Indians stuff, although, of course, there is a proportion of this. Mr. Randolph Scott, of the granite face and top-heavy body, is a sort of hero-villain, who shows a natural reluctance to shoot his brother, a full-blown villain, thus incurring all kinds of hardship before he exculpates himself. Mr. Robert Young has quite a good comedy part, although he proved unable to handle the more serious side of his character. Mr. Dean Jagger stands out head and shoulders above the remainder of the cast, his peculiar intensity of acting placing him in the very highest class of character players. Miss Virginia Gilmore has little to do beyond appearing beautiful, at which she is very successful. An excellent cartoon (not by Disney) precedes the main attraction.—V.K.

"The Invisible Woman"

Kitty Carroll .....Virginia Bruce
Professor Gibbs .....John Barrymore
Richard Russell .....John Howard
George .....Charles Ruggles
Blackie .....Oscar Homolka
Bill .....Edward Brophy
Foghorn .....Donald Macbride
Mrs. Jackson .....Margaret Hamilton
Growley .....Charles Lane
Jean .....Anne Nagel

Pleasant entertainment is in store for those who will see "The Invisible Woman," which opened at the Nanking Theatre yesterday. In contrast to "The Invisible Man," which started the ball rolling a few years ago, the present film is a comedy along "Topper" lines, with Miss Virginia Bruce ideally cast in the title role, that of a discouraged model who agrees to be experimented upon by a professor, an inventor of a "human invisibility machine." Miss Bruce gives a refreshing performance and although seen little in flesh, manages to hold the audience captivated and intrigued. The professor is played by Mr. John Barrymore and once again he "of the great profile" shows that he is among the best in Hollywood, whether cast in comedy, tragedy or fantasy. This actor, who in his day reenacted the screen's most romantic roles, is cast as an old man, with a sharp wit and eccentric mind. Next in importance in the plot is the role of Mr. John Howard, as the young financier interested in Mr. Barrymore's invention and he, too, gives a good performance, although one must agree that Messrs. Charlie Ruggles and Oscar Homolka have proved their worth by adding to the merriment of the picture. The film is very amusing and, although without a moral or anything that may be called a plot, will doubtless leave few unentertained. Two shorts round out the programme.—I.M.

"East of the River"

Joe Lorenzo .....John Garfield
Laurie Romayne .....Brenda Marshall
Teresa Lorenzo .....Marjorie Rambeau
Tony .....George Tobias
Nick Lorenzo .....William Lundigan
Cy Turner .....Douglas Fowley
Scarfi .....Jack Larue
'No Neck' Griswold .....Jack Carr
Joe (As a Boy) .....Joe Conti
Nick (As a Boy) .....O'Neill Nolan

Dynamic John Garfield plays the lead in "East of the River" now showing at the Cathay, and proves himself better in a purely tough role than in such pictures as the "Three Daughters." He has a powerful, unique personality, and his acting compels attention whether one is in sympathy with it or not. In this film he is again the black sheep of a "respectable" slum family, and his characterization is truly outstanding. The real star of the film, however, is Miss Marjorie Rambeau, as the mother. Her talent rises close to genius at times, especially in one gripping scene in which she is pleading with Garfield to right some of the wrongs he has done to his friends and relatives. Her superb restraint, when it is called for, and her emotionally enthusiastic acting when that is called for is acting at its very finest, and she cannot be praised enough for her performance here. Miss Brenda Marshall, too, is fine, ably proving her versatility in a difficult role. The film is almost a work of art—modern art—and as such should be seen.—J.S.-B.

British Submarine Lost

London, May 29.

The Admiralty yesterday announced that the submarine Usk was overdue and must be considered as lost.—United Press.

Britain's War Aims Enunciated

London, May 29.

Mr. Anthony Eden, Foreign Secretary, in a speech today, enunciated Britain's first authoritative statement on war aims, which included the "four freedoms" emphasized by President Roosevelt in his fireside chat of Tuesday night. He said that Britain was fighting for freedom of speech, freedom of religion, freedom from fear and freedom from want. He also demanded stern measures to avert the danger of Germany ever again challenging world peace.—United Press.

Chinese Attack In Shansi

Chungking, May 29.

Heavy fighting is in progress in all parts of Shansi as Chinese forces launched simultaneous attacks on Japanese lines of communications, according to Chinese despatches from the front.

In west Shansi a Chinese column is said to be attacking Hsiaoyi, to the south-west of Taiyuanfu. The Tungpu railway is reported to have been cut at five points.

Chinese forces in the Taihang mountains in east Shansi are stated to be attacking Chingchen highway, demolishing nine important bridges.

At the same time Chinese forces in north Honan are reported to be attacking Chihsien and Tangying, on the Peiping-Hankow Railway, while in south-east Shansi Chinese troops on the north bank of the Sin river are said to be attacking Japanese positions north-west of Kaoping and also east of the Sin river.

Fighting is also stated to be progressing in the vicinity of Chiyuan and Yangchen.

Chinese Movements

Referring to the battle in the Chungtiao mountains, in South Shansi, a Chinese military spokesman today revealed that Chinese forces there completed movements to new positions, following a vigorous Japanese offensive in the sector.

Communist troops had so far not participated in the Shansi operations, declared the spokesman, but he added as a result of recent discussions between General Chiang Kai-shek and a Communist representative in Chungking, the communist leaders agreed to obey the orders of the High Command to participate in the operations. He stated that after a few days it would be definitely known whether or not Communist troops would carry out orders to take part in the operations.—Reuter.

Japanese Claims

South Shansi, May 28.

Japanese Army units have continued to close in from all directions on 45,000 trapped Chinese remnants in the Taihang range region, on the upper reaches of the Chin River, in South Shansi Province, as groups of Chungking troops are being captured.

It was revealed that among the prisoners taken on May 21 east of Matsun was Colonel Tsao Chao-ming, Chief of the Information Bureau of the Headquarters of the Chungking Third Army.—Domei.

Roosevelt May Create New Ministry

Washington, May 29.

President Roosevelt soon may create a "Ministry of Economic Warfare" in connection with the emergency programme, it was reported here last night.—United Press.

Extensive Damage Done By Nocturnal Blaze

Two Chinese were injured and three Chinese dwellings at the corner of Kiukiang and Kwangse Road were severely damaged by a fire which broke out at a late hour last night.

The blaze started shortly after 11 p.m. and was got under control within half an hour. Two Chinese victims of the fire were conveyed in emergency ambulances of the Fire Brigade to the Lester Chinese Hospital.

British Planes Bomb Germany

Berlin, May 29.

Isolated attacks by British planes on the north German coastal area were made last night when a few explosive and incendiary bombs were dropped and caused "small damage in one locality," informed Nazi quarters said today.—United Press.

Film Stars Broadcast For China

New York, May 29.

Three famed American moving picture stars on Tuesday night participated in a nationwide radio broadcast on behalf of the United China Relief Campaign.

A letter from Madame Chiang Kai-shek, wife of the Generalissimo, extending greetings to American children, was read by Miss Claudette Colbert, Mr. Tyrone Power, acting as master of ceremonies, introduced Miss Shirley Temple who extended greetings from American children to the children of China, in reply to Madame Chiang's letter.

Four Chinese children visited the film stars at the radio broadcasting studio and thanked the stars for their aid to the China Relief campaign.—United Press.

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S.M.C. Approves Increase in Power, Water Surcharges

THE S.M.C. has approved an application of the Shanghai Power Co. for increasing its surcharges by the imposition of a temporary surcharge on basic rates such surcharge to be 50 per cent. based on an exchange rate of U.S.$5.25 to C.$100 for consumption periods ending on and after July 1 for all services. The Council also has approved an increase on the surcharge of the Waterworks Company on its basic tariff of charges from 110 to 250 per cent. for accounts ending on and after July 1, according to official communiqués issued by the Council yesterday.

The Council has decided to recommend that minimum charges levied by the Power Company be reduced to 70 per cent. of present charges to be further adjusted according to circumstances. It was also decided that the Gas Company should retain the present minimum charges, unless a reduction in consumption is enforced when minimum charges would be correspondingly reduced.

At a recent meeting the Council endorsed a recommendation of its Public Utilities Committee that approval be given to proposals of the Gas Company to prevent consumption of gas from exceeding that of 1940 owing to uncertainty regarding fuel supplies. The company was authorized:

1—To refuse from June 1, all applications for new industrial and domestic supplies in cases where a change to use of gas is desired for reasons of economy.

2—To limit from consumption periods beginning on and after June 1, the monthly consumption of gas to a quantity not exceeding the consumer's consumption for the corresponding period last year. Where it would be impracticable to do so consumption will be limited with reference to the preceding consumption period or where this also is found not practicable, to the company's reasonable estimate of requirements, having regard to the number of persons in the household and the appliances used. Excess consumers of such limit will be charged for:

(a) For a first excess of the limit for a month, twice the prevailing price.

(b) For a second excess of the limit for the same period, three times the prevailing price.

(c) For a third and subsequent excess of the limit for the same period, four times the prevailing price it being understood that the excess consumption thereby penalized need not be in consecutive months and that a ten per cent. margin of tolerance be allowed subject to 1, that the measures are temporary and subject to revision or cancellation at the request of the company or the Council; 2, that consumers be informed individually by the company of their permitted monthly consumption; and 3, that the sums paid in excess of the prevailing price be credited to a reserve account to be used as may be agreed upon between the company and the Council, for the benefit of consumers.

Increase in Power Surcharge

The communiqué issued by the Council regarding the increase in the surcharge levied by the Shanghai Power Company stated inter alia as follows:

"The Municipal Council has approved an application submitted by the Shanghai Power Company for increasing its charges by the imposition of a temporary surcharge on the basic rates for the supply of electrical energy to all classes of service, in addition to the existing exchange and fuel surcharges, such surcharge in addition to the existing exchange to be 50 per cent. based on an exchange rate of US$5.25 equals Chinese $100 and adjusted upwards or downwards monthly by agreement between the company and the Council in accordance with the procedure adopted in respect of the exchange surcharge. This new surcharge will be applied to accounts in respect of consumption periods ending on and after July 1, 1941, and is subject to various conditions which the company has accepted. The new temporary surcharge applies to basic rates only.

The company in its application stated that additional revenue was required to meet the constantly increasing costs of operation due to increases in the cost of commodities, freight rates, etc., which were not fully compensated for by the existing exchange and fuel surcharges, and to provide some relief in respect of the company's cash position which had deteriorated since 1937 to such an extent as to cause serious concern.

Comparative Data

Whilst admitting that rates prevailing in other cities are not a criterion as to proper rates for Shanghai, and, because of war conditions, it has been impossible to obtain comparative data from undertakings abroad for periods later than 1939, the company compiled and submitted such comparative data, based upon the latest available information, for the following: Tokyo, Hongkong, Singapore, Manila, Calcutta, Sydney, Manchester, the French Concession and Chapei. With the exception of the rates in the French Concession, the company's rates, inclusive of all surcharges and the relief now requested, are substantially the lowest, despite the fact that about one-half of its fuel is imported from Calcutta and the Dutch East Indies.

After thoroughly considering the matter, during which full explanations of the investigations made by the Council's officials into the company's application were heard, the Public Utilities Committee recommended the application for approval subject to the conditions and to the usual conditions imposed in approving temporary surcharges on public utility tariffs. This recommendation was endorsed by the Council in meeting on May 28."

Minimum Charges

The communiqué issued by the Council on minimum power and gas charges reads:

The Council has recently had under consideration the minimum charges imposed by the Shanghai Power Company and the Shanghai Gas Co., Ltd.

The Power Company, whilst stating that from the point of view of economics and to avoid discrimination minimum charges are necessary to compensate equitably for the capital invested and expenses incurred in maintaining a service which is not adequately used, agreed that it was not easy to defend such charges at a time when the public is being urged to reduce consumption of electricity. The company accordingly suggested that minimum charges other than for bulk supply be temporarily suspended during the present fuel emergency despite the loss in revenue which would result.

The Gas Company favoured retention of the minimum charges since their abolition would result in a substantial reduction in revenue which would require to be made up by an increase in the surcharge. The company stated that the high surcharge paid by gas consumers is due to the increased use of expensive imported coal and oil necessitated largely as a result of a 57 per cent. increase in the number of consumers ers since 1937. These new consumers were stated to have largely changed from the use of coal, charcoal and oil to gas, and a considerable proportion of them use less than 150 units of gas per month. The company's old established consumers are thus being penalized in order to meet the temporary requirements of a large number of new consumers who in all probability will continue to use gas in place of other fuel only as long as it is cheaper to do so. The average domestic consumer uses 422 units a month and on this basis the minimum of 150 units does not appear excessive.

In considering this matter the Public Utilities Committee noted that the two companies were in entirely different positions. Owing to the inadequacy of its supplies the Power Company was appealing to consumers not subject to the restriction scheme to reduce consumption voluntarily, while the Gas Company was merely attempting to ensure that consumption did not exceed last year's figure. Furthermore, domestic consumption, in connection with which most complaints against minimum charges are made, accounts for only a small proportion of the Power Company's output as compared with approximately 70 per cent. of the Gas Company's output.

The Committee considered that as a matter of principle minimum charges should be retained since if a consumer makes less than economic use of a service he should bear a fair proportion of the capital charges and expenses involved in providing that service. In order however not to discourage reduction of consumption it was considered that the minimum charges should be reduced by the same percentage by which reduction of consumption was being attempted.

It was accordingly decided to recommend that the minimum charges levied by the Power Company be reduced to 70 per cent. of the present charges, to be further adjusted according to circumstances, and that the minimum charges levied by the Gas Company be retained unless a reduction in consumption is enforced in which event the minimum charges should be correspondingly reduced.

The Committee's recommendation was endorsed by the Council at its meeting on May 28.

Roosevelt's Speech Criticized

Obviously bringing the United States one step further toward participation in the fast-spreading European conflict, President Roosevelt's fireside chat, in which he placed the United States, without reservation, on a full wartime footing, clearly anticipates eventual repeal of the Neutrality Act, which was first designed to keep America out of the war, the "Shanghai Mainichi," local Japanese-language paper, declared in an editorial yesterday morning.

Under the caption "The Aim of the Fireside Chat," the "Mainichi" declared that the President's utterances may be considered preparatory to full repeal of the Neutrality Act, especially in view of the emphasis the American Chief Executive placed on the principle of the freedom of the seas.

This emphasis on freedom of the seas, the "Mainichi" observed, presupposes the entry henceforth of American vessels in war areas. The paper further pointed out that the President, although failing to state so in so many words, clearly forecast the endorsement of the convoy system.

"Ambitious Man"

By declaring the existence of an "unlimited national emergency," and bringing the United States to the threshold of the bloody conflict in Europe, the "Mainichi" pointed out, the President has thrown to the winds his pre-election promises of keeping the United States out of the war.

The "Shanghai Mainichi" pointed out that it is well known that President Roosevelt is an "unusually ambitious man," adding that following partial fulfillment of his ambitions by being elected to a third term, unprecedented in American history, he naturally may regard it as a further attainment of his ambitions to impose his will as dictator upon his people.

Should President Roosevelt's clique, which favours participation in the war, be able to swing public opinion the paper concluded, Mr. Roosevelt's ambitions doubtless will be fufilled in a comparatively easy manner.

Fascist Leader to Face Court Here

An interesting sequel to the recent experience of Mr. George Leonoff, city editor of the "China Press" who according to his report to the police was lured to the outskirts of the city and assaulted by four Italians following publication of an article which was described as being derogatory to the king of Italy will be heard in the Italian Consular Court on June 10, it was learned yesterday. Four Italians including G. Costantini, said to be secretary of the local Fascist Party, will face the court on an assault charge.

In addition to a pummelling Mr. Leonoff reported to the Municipal police that his assailants attempted to force the contents of a bottle of castor oil down his throat, but resistance put up by him resulted in the oil dripping down his clothes and hair.

Churchill Replies to Shanghai Message

The China Association here has received the following communication from the First Secretary of the British Embassy in Shanghai:

"With reference to the telegram sent by you to Mr. Winston Churchill on the occasion of the anniversary of his becoming Prime Minister, with which the British Women's Association and the British Chamber of Commerce were associated, I have received a telegram from His Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs instructing me to convey to those concerned Mr. Churchill's warmest thanks for message, which he deeply appreciates."

Cause of Factory Fire Explained

That a cigarette, smoked by one of the workers of the Seiwa Toy Factory, might have caused the fire which resulted in the death of one of the female workers and the injuring of five others on Wednesday morning, was believed very probable, according to an S.M.C. communique issued yesterday.

Council employees have made a study of the causes of the fire at the factory and their findings emphasize the need for supervision, proposed under licence conditions governing handling of hazardous liquids announced by the Council and intended to come into operation in the near future. The toy factory, as already reported, manufactured ping pong and rubber balls, and rubber balloons. Petrol and other hazardous liquids were in use.

It is known that petrol is heavier than air, and that the fumes therefore seek ground level. It is also known that they can "creep," that is to say, spread at low level. It is therefore thought by the Council officials that the heavy petrol fumes from the mixing machine crept throughout the building, reaching both the office and across a passage into the room where the women were at work.

Source of Ignition

If a source of ignition reached the petrol "creep," flame would spread along the course of the fumes. It is thought that a cigarette was being smoked in the office. This could have supplied the source of ignition, and flame then is thought to have spread through the fumes to the place where the women were sorting out celluloid scrap. The celluloid immediately became involved, with intense heat and heavy smoke.

The enterprise has been under supervision of Council officials since July 1939, when its operation was first proposed. The boiler room was isolated by instruction, obstructed exit doors opened up, and additional exits provided. The latter precautions unoubtedly saved several lives when the fire occurred. The rubber balloon drying room was also isolated by instruction, and dormitory accommodation provided outside the factory for the workers, who previously had to sleep above the dipping and drying rooms. A proper drying room for celluloid was installed.

Whole Building Enveloped

The fire, it may be recalled, broke out at 9.54 a.m. on Wednesday. At that time, some 33 women were employed sorting out scrap celluloid, thirteen in the room in which the fire occurred. This room, it is stated, was not usually used for this purpose, but contained tumblers, machines in which rubber balls are smoothed. These machines were not in operation at the time of the fire. Seven workers were in the balloon making room, where the mixing machine was working, preparing a rubber and gasoline solution for balloon dipping. An office opened off this workroom.

The blaze had enveloped all the building by the time fire engines arrived and all the workers, including the five injured, had escaped from the burning premises. The fire was extinguished at 12.30 p.m. and examination by the firemen revealed a charred body, buried beneath the débris.

Rioting to Be Curbed

Bombay, May 29.

Following a return to normal in Ahmedabad in the communal riot situation, citizens in all communities including Hindus and Muslims are forming a joint peace committee with a view to fostering future goodwill.

Stray assaults continue in various parts of the affected area but there is no organized rioting of any magnitude. The latest total of casualties is 28 killed and 182 injured.—Reuter.

"N.C.D.N." Photo.

Consul-General Returns Call

Mr. A. H. George, H. M. Consul-General, on Wednesday returned the official call paid on him by Colonel S. L. Howard, the new commander of the Fourth U.S. Marines. He was greeted by a guard of honour. The picture shows Mr. George and Col. Howard receiving the salute of the guard of honour at the steps of the U.S.M.C. headquarters.

Elderly Briton Charged With Killing Chinese

R. C. Turner, F.R.I.B.A., formerly chief architect of the Public Works Department, was arrested yesterday morning by Sub-Inspector Reginald Eynstone of the Municipal Police on a warrant accusing him of unlawfully killing one Kau Kwang-sung, on May 18, at his residence 377 Haiphong Road. Brought before H. M. Registrar, Mr. C. H. Haines, in H. M. Polce Court yesterday morning, he was remanded until 10.15 a.m. on Tuesday next after evidence of arrest and police witnesses had been heard. In addition to depositing his passport into court he was required to furnish two sureties of $1,000 each and $2,000 in his personal recognizances.

The accused, an elderly man, was defended by Mr. J. R. Jones while Mr. G. H. Wright appeared for the Municipal Police. After the complaint had been read Mr. Haines pointed out that it was a case where he would have to take depositions of witnesses and if the evidence warranted it, he would have to commit the accused for trial. In consequence he would not ask accused to plead outright.

Gunshot Wound

Sub-Inspector R. Eynstone of the Gordon Road station who made the arrest was examined by Mr. Wright. He said he administered the usual caution to the accused and read the warrant to him. The accused had nothing to say. Witness said he first heard of the death of the deceased on the afternoon of May 23 in the station charge room. He proceeded to the Paulun Hospital and made certain enquiries. He next went to the office of the hospital accountant and interviewed a Dr. Hsia who he said, informed him that a male Chinese was admitted on May 18, suffering from a gunshot wound.

Rifle Contraption in Shed

Continuing witness said the doctor handed him a bullet, a death certificate and a letter. He then went to the hospital mortuary and viewed the body of the Chinese. The same afternoon he visited the home of the accused who said he had been troubled by numerous petty thieves and had fixed up a booby trap in his tool shed with the idea that if anyone discharged the rifle the noise would frighten him away. Witness inspected the shed and saw a rifle fixed on a box in front of the main entrance, the barrel of the gun being sighted through a hole in the door.

After identifying a rifle produced in court as the one he had seen witness went on to say that he found several pieces of thread attached to the trigger, some inside and some outside the shed, which was about 300 yards away from the house in a spacious garden. He was taken to the shed by a servant on instructions of the accused and went in through a side door, not the one through which the rifle was sighted. At 6.30 p.m. the same day witness added he again visited the address and asked the accused if he would surrender the rifle which accused handed over to him in the sitting-room. Witness said he subseqently handed over the weapon and bullet to a ballistic expert of the Police for testing. Mr. Jones reserved the right to cross-examine witness later observing that he had not yet had an opportunity to speak to his client.

Detective Sub-Inspector F. A. Ewins, ballistic expert of the S.M.P. was next called. He said the rifle was handed to him by last witness for inspection and testing on May 24. It was .22 calibre Remington in perfect condition. He examined it and found traces of recent firing. As an expert he declared that he was able to say that the bullet which was simultanously handed over to him was fired from the same rifle.

Houseboy Testifies

Tsang Ping-sau, 55, who said he had been employed by accused for 30 years was the next witness. He remembered taking a Chinese to the Paulun Hospital in two rickshaws with a letter given to him by the accused. Deceased was a coolie employed by one Wong as a grass-cutter and used to visit his master's home once a week with three others similarly employed, to cut the grass in the garden.

On the morning he was injured witness continued, Kau Kwang Sung came and spoke to him in the kitchen and showed him wounds in his arm and stomach from which blood was oozing. Witness immediately reported the matter to his master, who was asleep upstairs and who came down to see the man's wounds and asked him to take Kau to the Paulun Hospital with a letter to the accountant's office. While in hospital witness said he saw the bullet being extracted from the body of Kau by a Chinese doctor. He subsequently learned that deceased had died.

Witness identified a rifle produced in court as the one which was in the tool shed and which he said, was put up by his master every evening and removed every morning.

Over 7,000 Still On Strike Here

With the addition of 1,000 striking rice shop employees, the number of discontented workers rose to above 7,000 yesterday, more than half of them being painters. The situation, on the whole, was without change yesterday, unless the end of the Shanse Theatre dispute is taken into consideration. This dispute involved three operators, who went on strike on Monday and resumed yesterday after the management had agreed to give them a cash allowance of $50 per mensem in lieu of rice allowance.

Meanwhile, the dispute of rice shop assistants, some 1,000 of whom had declared a "tai hung" strike on Wednesday morning and then attempted to intimidate the non-striking element into joining the movement, was still unsettled yesterday. About 4,000 employees are still at their jobs and, but for one or two exceptions, all the shops, about 900 in the Settlement and French Concession, were open to conduct business, although a small percentage did this through small apertures or through wickets.

The other 6,000 strikers were the employees of the Commercial Press. The dispute, which has now been running for several weeks, may still take some time to be settled, it is said. The reason for this may be the proposal of the management to transfer some of their employees into the interior, a thing not desired by the local hands. It is reported that the strikers may hold a meeting in the next few days when it is believed a decision will be reached as to steps to be taken. The meeting was to be held on Wednesday afternoon, but due to the fact that the strikers had failed to obtain permission from the police to do so, the latter prevented them from holding it.

The 700 employees of Paton and Baldwins were still on strike yesterday, as were 500 spring chair makers, 4,000 painters, about 300 employees of stocking dyeing factories, and 300 chauffeurs of small Chinese garages. A brief strike was declared by the employees of Koo Wha paper factory in Seymour Road on Wednesday, but they resumed work the same day after the management had promised to review working conditions.

Export of Goods From Philippines

Supplementing the press release of the Office of the United States High Commissioner, Manila, under date of April 22, 1941, advising that the re-export to a foreign destination of commodities shipped to the Philippines from the United States under licence is considered to constitute an unwarranted evasion of the Export Control Act and Regulations, all parties concerned are hereby further advised that if they desire to re-export such commodities from the Philippines, new applications for new export licences must be presented to the Department of State, naming the proposed countries of ultimate destination. Unless such applications are granted, re-export from the Philippines would constitute a violation of the Export Control Act and Regulations.

Pork Dealers Restive Over Monopoly

Pork dealers and butchers in foreign areas in Shanghai are reported by the "National Herald" to be strongly protesting against the new arrangement of the Live stock Market in Hongkew which, apart from monopolizing the transportation of pigs to Shanghai, is also trying to monopolize the right of slaughtering pigs. It is said that commencing on Sunday pork dealers will obtain slaughtered pigs instead of live stock from the market.

Meanwhile, it is pointed out, prices of pork have gone up considerably during the past few days. Prices range between $3 and $4 per catty have been announced, and pork dealers have been experiencing difficulties in obtaining their pork. It is alleged that the increase of prices is due to manipulation by brokers in the Hongkew market.

It is further reported that apart from causing many difficulties to pork dealers, the Hongkew market's new arrangement will throw several thousand butchers out of work. The market has recently opened an abattoir in Hongkew. Pork dealers held a meeting on Wednesday and will petition the authorities for help in settling their dispute.

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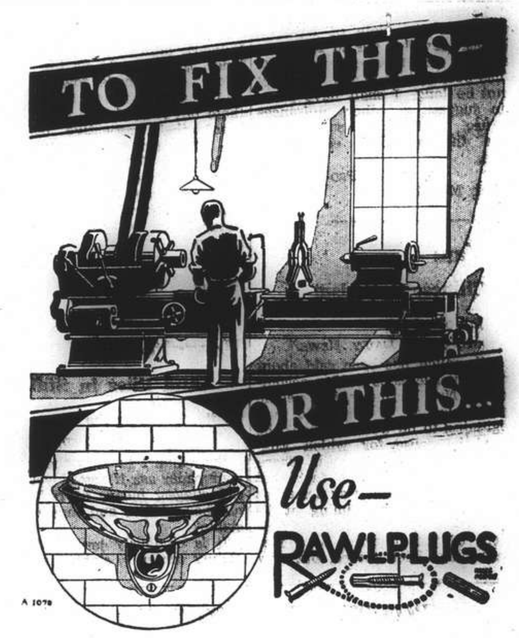

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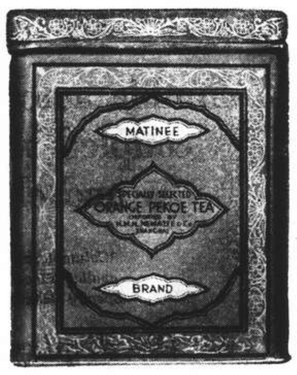

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Nuisances:

Others Need Remedy

To the Editor of the
"NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS."

SIR,—In view of the great success of the anti-motor horn nuisance campaign just concluded, din having given way to silence, may I suggest that we go on to bigger and better things?

Offence to our ears having been removed, or, at least, reduced, why not wage a campaign against unpleasant and harmful odours? I suggest that the first enemy in this category of evils is the excessive exhausts, black and foul, emanating from many buses, trucks and motor cars. If the case were presented in a proper spirit, I feel sure owners and operators would be very happy to cooperate. What could be simpler than to prepare and publish a list of garages which would be glad of a little extra decarbonizing and carburettor adjustment business?

The principle of educating the public has worked so well as regards the horn-tooting nuisance that it would be very regrettable were we to relax into the state of lethargy which has prevailed for so long.

When the excessive exhaust nuisance has been exterminated, and may that not be long, I shall have pleasure in suggesting other nuisances which are waiting for someone to turn on the required educational pressure.

PRO-PUBLIC.

Shanghai, May 28.

The War:

Chinese Optimism

To the Editor of the
"NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS."

SIR,—So much has been said about the military successes so far accomplished by Nazi Germany, that people living in this part of the world may be beginning to be worried about the result of the cause, for which England and her Allies are fighting. There is, indeed, no denying the fact that such important military successes as have been said to be aiming at its conquest of the world through destruction of the liberties over free countries have been scored, but why should not a thought be given to the bright side of the war? Do we not know that right prevails on might, in the end? Do we not know that America, who is a deciding factor in the outcome of the war, has been helping England with military weapons and materials short of the nature of war? Do we not know that Herr Hess, while his own country is at the height of its glory, fled to England, possibly with the feeling of sadness for an inevitable defeat to be occasioned by the rash action of Hitler in starting the war? We may not know the situation in Germany so well as Herr Hess; but it is quite evident not only from his flight but from the statements—the nature of which we are unable to know—which he has made to some important personages in England that even most of the German people may have realized that victory will not be on their side. Keeping these things in mind, we should place due confidence in the ability of the British people and their Allies to inflict a crushing defeat on their enemy, a foe to world peace and destroyer of liberty; we should do something as a matter of help to maintain and encourage the moral of the peoples in the front as well as in the rear of the war. To those who value democracy very highly as a bulwark against those forces of violence, there should be the maximum effort to be made towards the life and death struggle. Should any of them fail to discharge their duties towards their respective countries in the attainment of our only one aim—victory for democracy or one to liberate subjugated peoples from the yoke of tyranny of Germany, that would constitute an offence of graver nature than any we have ever known.

A CHINESE

Shanghai, May 29.

Mosquitoes:

And Flies in Stables

To the Editor of the
"NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS."

SIR,—May I through the medium of your paper ask if any of your readers can suggest means of reducing the number of flies and mosquitoes in a stable?

It is obviously impossible to completely screen a stable and the only precautions which I have been able to employ in past summers have been:

1. The utmost cleanliness of the stable, stable yard and ponies.
2. The immediate removal to a distance of droppings and fouled bedding.
3. The covering of fodder bins.
4. The removal of all uneaten food in the mangers.
5. The use of disinfectant in gutters, drains, etc.

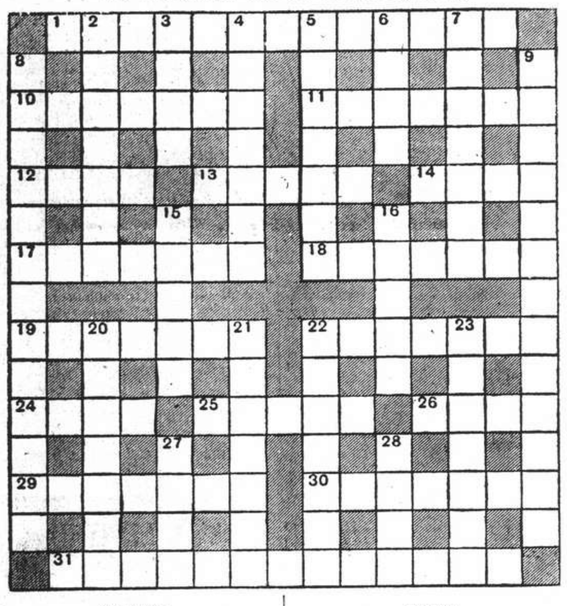
If any of your readers can suggest further precautions or some strong and safe anti-mosquito mixture which can be effectively used, I shall be extremely grateful.

SOUTHDOWN.

Shanghai, May 28.

CROSSWORD PUZZLE No. 508

(By Arrangement with the "Daily Telegraph.")



ACROSS

1 What bone suggests a possible order at sword drill? (13)
10 Absorb, perhaps monopolise (7)
11 Exemplary (7)
12 Some clothing one might expect to get in Bond Street (4)
13 Motorists agree that this crossing is often optimistically named (5)
14 Sailors know that with the hands this fish is a welcome sign (4)
17 Incorrect material for a nice tax (7)
18 To be seen on a penny but not on a florin (7)
19 A schoolboy finds this to do in the upper forms (7)
22 An old belt sounding suggestive of the farmer's unthatched store (7)
24 An unwise symptom of illness often (4)
25 Money in the till to start the day (5)
26 River at the head of a ravine in India (4)
29 Some troops (or mail?) (7)
30 The favourite author of many (7)
31 Aristocratic description of many a water supply (13)

DOWN

2 This tends to do away with some ill feeling (7)
3 Complete part of a coupon (4)
4 What the noes do (7)
5 There's no disgrace when the drums beat this (7)
6 Is this European specially fitted for nursery work? (4)
7 Proclaim at some customs perhaps (7)
8 Someone apparently rather cocksure (two words—7, 6)
9 Were these Girton ladies of old the reward for undergraduate athletic distinction? (13)
15 Theatre or vegetable (5)
16 Feminine 27 down (5)
20 Badge that might be changed to trees (7)
21 Of black and white origin probably (7)
22 An unwanted growth in gardens or farms (7)
23 Comprehend to sell (7)
27 Animal upset in 25 across (4)
28 A story to be seen in the picture palaces (4)

Y'DAY'S SOLUTION.—**ACROSS**: 1, Leap-frog; 5, Crocus; 9, Soft-soap; 10, Sprain; 11, Receiver; 12, Tiflis; 14, Accusation; 18, Effeminate; 22, Fusion; 23, Fresh air; 24, Myopia; 25, A good act; 26, Dotted; 27, Asperity. **DOWN**: 1, Lustre; 2, Affect; 3, Fossil; 4, Opalescent; 6, Reprisal; 7, Chaplain; 8, Sing-song; 13, Mustard gas; 15, Perfumed; 16, Offshoot; 17, Impolite; 19, Ashore; 20, Safari; 21, Gritty.

Cut Out The Tiffin!

Enriched Bread:

Soon For Shanghai

To the Editor of the
"NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS."

SIR,—In answer to a letter published in your columns dated May 19 and signed LITTLE WILLIE, we wish to inform you that the Bakerite Company in the very near future will be baking a bread with the necessary Vitamin B.

For the public's information, the additions of vitamins in bread is still in the experimental stage, as the Committee of Food and Nutrition of the National Research Council in the United States are endeavouring to establish a definite formula. To date, their proposed standard is as follows per pound of bread:

	minimum mg.	maximum mg.
Vitamin B1	1.66	2.5
Riboflavin	1.20	1.8
Nicotinic Acid or Nicotinic Acid Amide	6.00	9.0
Iron	6.00	24.0

In addition to being able to enrich the flour, extensive experiments are now being made to increase the vitamin in yeast. For the time being the term "Enriched" bread, that is enriched with vitamins and food minerals without specifically stating the exact amount, will be used, as no official Government standards have been promulgated as yet, and it will unquestionably be months before this event can take place. Should only Vitamin B1 be added this is not enough and does not entitle a baker to use the word "Enriched." At least, three of the required ingredients listed must be present in the bread.

Without going into further detail, one can readily see that by using "enriched" flour to obtain an "enriched" loaf, the method and procedure is highly technical. The Bakerite Company have been experimenting for the past three months, and further experiments are now held up pending the arrival of "enriched" flour and yeast which will contain the necessary vitamins and minerals as set forth in the proposed regulations formulated by the U.S. Department of Commerce, National Bureau of Standards. It is hoped that within the next sixty days we will be able to offer to the Shanghai public this new "enriched" bread.

A word of caution to the buying public. Any loaf of bread which carries the label "Enriched" must contain a sufficient amount of vitamins and minerals as proposed by the National Research Bureau, otherwise the loaf is not properly enriched. The Bakerite Company prefer not to bake this loaf until such time as we can guarantee to the Shanghai public that our bread meets with these requirements.

J. L. HOLBROOK, *Manager*,
Bakerite Co., Fed. Inc., U.S.A.

Shanghai, May 29.

H.M.S. Hood:

A Reader Disagrees

To the Editor of the
"NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS."

SIR,—Your editorial on the sinking of the German battleship Bismarck contains the following extraordinary statement:

> She (H.M.S. Hood) was as against the Bismarck relatively no more powerful than was the Jervis Bay against the vessel which attacked her.

Although H.M.S. Hood was 21 years old and not so heavily armoured as her opponent, in armament and to make the comparison mentioned above is unfair and ridiculous, to say the very least.

BRITISH BUT IMPARTIAL.

Shanghai, May 29.

***In estimating the power of a war vessel surely it is necessary to take into consideration not only the hitting power, but the ability to withstand punishment. In that the story of the end of the Bismarck shows that she was infinitely superior to the Hood, for the task of sinking her is reported not to have been an easy one.—ED.

The Prevaricator:

Mails Which Were Not Lost

To the Editor of the
"NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS."

SIR,—Last night I switched on to my favourite local station and apparently inadvertently got a local German station which is very close, for I heard a strange voice announcing in part:—

> The local Britishers if they want their February mail will find it at the bottom of the Atlantic....

Like the usual German propaganda this announcer fills his hearer with lies. Let me tell this half Quisling half Copperhead that my London mails of February 1, 8, 15, 22 and March 3, 10 and 17 have already been delivered to me in Shanghai.

LOMBARD E.C.3.

Shanghai, May 29.

***And, it may be remarked, "The Times" for every week day of February has been duly received in this office.—ED.

Seventy Years Ago

FROM THE "NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS" OF MAY 30, 1871

The Hankow tea-circulars for the outgoing mail bring down fuller particulars of the opening of the season. Messrs. Gordon Brothers write:—The opening of the season has been accompanied by more excitement this year than last, and consequently buying commenced immediately and musters were placed on the market. The Ningchows, being unfortunately late in arriving owing to heavy rains, the Oonfa teamen took advantage of their absence to offer their samples first, and the result has proved the wisdom of this action, inasmuch as they received the entire attention of buyers, who have operated largely in them at a considerable advance on last year's rates. A few musters were offered on the evening of the 19th, and early next day the first settlement was reported of Teen Wo 860 tea chests, from the Yunglaousee district, at Tls. 30, being the price at which the same chop was purchased last year, and which we understand is still unsold in London. The above purchase was immediately followed by a line of Oonfas at Tls. 31.5 @ 32 per picul and up to date, every chop from this district has been eagerly picked up at gradually advancing rates, Tls. 35.5 being the highest price paid for this class of tea.

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7.20 Music by Russian composers.
7.30 News in Russian.
7.45 Music by Russian composers.
7.50 Light music.
8.00 Causerie by Mme Claude Rivière. Jeanne d'Arc in the life and in the creations of Charles Péguy.
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8.30 News in French.
8.45 Light music.
9.00 News in English.
9.15 Broadcast in English. Washington.
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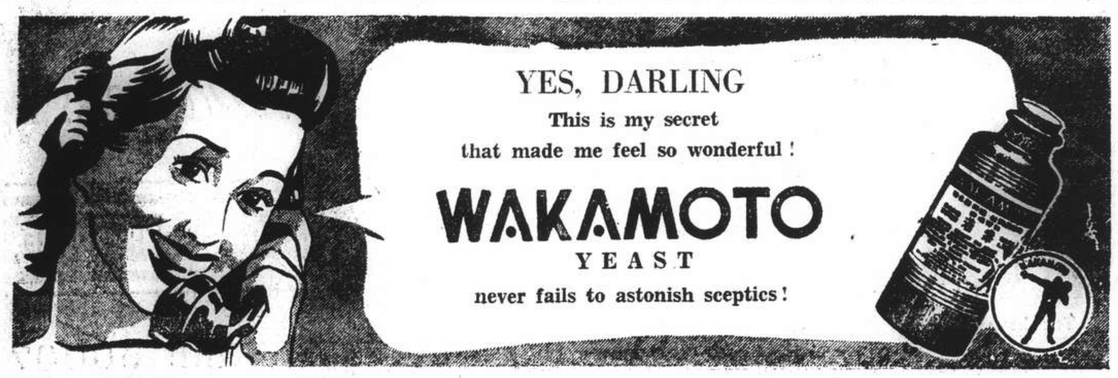

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THE BURDEN OF WAR

Now that details of the White Paper issued by the British Government in connection with the last Budget are available it is possible to form some idea of the burden which Sir Kingsley Wood, Chancellor of the Exchequer has laid upon the taxpayer as his contribution towards paying for this war. The reduction of the exemption limit from £120 to £110 has naturally meant that a much larger number of Britons are paying income tax than ever before, but as the amount paid by this class will be returned as a credit after the war, they are not in fact losing their money but being compelled to save and lend it to the Government. With regard to the excess profits tax the law is to be amended with regard to the treatment of borrowed capital arising from wasted assets and other matters, and, while the excess profits tax will be paid at the rate of 100 per cent., 20 per cent. will be regarded as a credit to be returned to the payer after the war in such manner as Parliament may direct. It is believed that Parliamentary control of this refund will ensure that the money will be devoted to post-war reconstruction.

A study of the tables showing the effect of the application of the income tax upon earned incomes ranging from £120 to £100,000 per annum shows that it is not until incomes are around the £4,000 mark that the full tax of 10/- in the pound becomes collectable. From then on the surtax comes into operation, with the result that a single man having an income of £5,000 pays £2,837 in taxes, with a post-war credit of £60 while if he draws £100,000 a year he will pay in taxation the enormous sum of £94,174 with the same credit. If he is married with three children he will pay £94,069 with a post-war credit of £65. He may be entitled to further reliefs which would reduce the tax, but the general impression to be gained is that the fact of having a family does not give the relief which would in the circumstances seem more equitable.

The general effect of these provisions is that as compared with the previous year the £100,000 a year man will be paying £7,500 more than he did during the previous twelve months. In other words, while last year that man would have an effective income of £13.453. under the new Budget it will only amount to £5.931 or just under six per cent. of his earnings. It is apparent from the above few figures that a great levelling process is in motion, and that the spread between the smallest incomes and the largest is being greatly reduced. What the general effect of this will be on life in Great Britain only the full operation of the new taxation over a year can possibly indicate but that it will tend to a more modified form of living seems to be inevitable. Lord Kindersley, president of the National Savings Committee, has pointed out that the Budget called for,—and was rightly designed to do so,—more drastic self-denial by everyone. In some cases it may mean definite hardship. "But," he said, "the mass of the people will call to mind the sacrifices being made by our Forces on their behalf. We must all of us cut down our comforts before we think of reducing our savings."

The total estimated expenditure for 1941-1942 is £4,206,957,000 the excess of expenditure over revenue amounting to no less than £2,420,597,000. What the national debt will be by the time this war is brought to a victorious conclusion it almost passes the capacity of imagination to conceive. One thing, however, is certain. The manner in which the British taxpayer has accepted the new burdens, the criticism still to be heard that all avenues of raising money have not been fully explored, both suggest that he will carry on to the very last ditch no matter what the cost is to be, for no price is too high to be paid for freedom.

BATTLE OF BRITAIN

Among the many interesting publications which have recently come to hand is a brochure published by His Majesty's Stationery Office entitled "The Battle of Britain" covering that period last year from August to October when Goering sought to smash British resistance by daylight raids over the British Isles, in which the Germans were roundly thrashed and suffered the greatest defeat they have experienced up to the present in this war. From one of its later pages the following inspiring passage is taken:—

To read the combat reports, written by the pilots immediately after landing from a fight, is to receive the impression of well-trained young men, conscious of their responsibilities and fulfilling them at all times with resolution and high courage.

"Patrolled South of Thames (approximately Gravesend Area) at 25,000 feet," runs the report of one Squadron Leader in action on one of the "great" days. "Saw two squadrons pass underneath us in formation travelling N.W. in purposeful manner. Then saw A.A. bursts, so turned Wing and saw enemy aircraft 3,000 feet below to the N.W. Managed perfect approach with two other squadrons between our Hurricanes and sun and enemy aircraft below and down sun. Arrived over enemy aircraft formation of twenty to forty Do.17: noticed Me.109 dive out of sun and warned our Spitfires to look out. Me.109 broke away and climbed S. E. Was about to attack enemy aircraft which were turning left-handed, i.e., to west and south, when I noticed Spitfires and Hurricanes engagnig them. Was compelled to wait for risk of collisions. However, warned wing to watch other friendly fighters and dived down with leading section in formation on to last section of five enemy aircraft. Pilot Officer.....took left-hand Do.17, I took middle one and Flight-Lieutenant.....took the right-hand one which had lost ground on outside of turn. Opened fire at 100 yards in steep dive and saw a large flash behind starboard motor of Dornier as wing caught fire: must have hit petrol pipe or tank: overshot and pulled up steeply. Then carried on and attacked another Do.17 but had to break away to avoid Spitfire. The sky was then full of Spitfires and Hurricanes queueing up and pushing each other out of the way to get at Dorniers which for once were outnumbered. I squirted at odd Dorniers at close range as they came into my sights, but could not hold them in my sights for fear of collision with other Spitfires and Hurricanes. Saw collision between Spitfire and Do.17 which wrecked both aeroplanes. Finally ran out of ammunition chasing crippled and smoking Do.17 into cloud. It was the finest shambles I've been in, since for once we had position, height and numbers. Enemy aircraft were a dirty looking collection."

Men like these saved England.

Nor must the ground staffs be forgotten. Their tasks were to "service" the fighting aircraft and to maintain communications at any cost. Those attached to the fighter aerodromes, East, South-East and South of London, fitters, mechanics, signallers, telephone operators, despatch riders and the rest carried on under heavy and sustained bombing by day and by night. For the first time since William of Normandy set foot on these shores, men and women of England—the Women's Auxiliary Air Force was in the thick of it—found themselves in the front line. They did not fail and the list of awards they won bears witness to their bravery and their endurance. They made it possible by carrying out their duties, sleep or no sleep, bombs or no bombs, for the Fighter Squadrons to confront the enemy day after day until he was defeated.

This splendid feat of the British R.A.F. has been continued since that day. The German raids at night are being increasingly effectively dealt with, and while much more progress has to be made in the technique of dealing with them the fact still remains that the German attempt to secure supremecy over the British isles was foiled by those few to whom so many owe so much.

Losses In Mediterranean

Though the losses of the Royal Navy in the fighting around Crete have been serious, they have done nothing to alter the relative strength of the British fleet in that sea as compared with the Axis fleets it may be called upon to meet, if ever the Italians can bring themselves to the point of coming out of their harbours. In his review of the war situation, Mr. Winston Churchill, the Prime Minister, said: "The Mediterranean fleet is today relatively stronger compared to the Italian navy than it was before the battle of Cape Matapan. There is no question whatever of our naval position in the eastern Mediterranean being prejudicially affected." That is a clear statement. It is quite possible that losses in the Ægean may increase during the next few days, since it is vital that the Germans be prevented from landing a large force of troops on Crete by sea, if the British defenders, already hard put to it, are to hold out. But those in charge of strategy in that part of the world can be relied upon to decide what risks shall be taken in order to inflict a decisive defeat upon the Nazi army. Unlike the Nazi High Command, the British count the cost. With them it is no mere matter of prestige, or of being able to inspire banner headlines in their own press, as it is with the Nazis. If the defence of Crete proves to be more costly than it is worth, then the British can be expected to withdraw. On the other hand, the Nazis cannot withdraw. In their case it is literally conquer or die. So far they have not conquered, and plenty of them have died. But they seem to be entirely careless of their losses. More men are being poured in daily, with a large proportion of them being killed in the process. But the Nazis do not care. By preventing the landing of troops borne by sea the Navy has done a great piece of work, especially when it is recalled that this is only a part of the task they have on hand. It would be fatal if, in the preoccupations caused by the battle in Crete, the Nazis and Fascists were permitted to reinforce their troops in the Western Desert to any large extent. That the Nazis are attempting to do this is proved by the incident at Sfax, where an Italian transport was chased into that Tunisian harbour, after having been found, along with an Italian destroyer escort, skulking in Tunisian territorial waters. The Navy's task in the eastern Mediterranean is an enormous one, but there is every confidence that it will be able to carry it out. In addition to preventing the landing of Nazi sea-borne reinforcements, it has to convoy through difficult waters, the British reinforcements and supplies which are being sent to General Freyberg. Sea-borne troops cannot arrive with the same speed as those carried by air, but they can bring with them much more powerful equipment than can be sent by carrier planes. It is thus possible for Britain, inspite of distractions elsewhere, to assist very substantially the heroic resistance now being put up by the British and Greek troops who are attempting to preserve Crete for the democracies.

STRAY NOTES

May 26.—The Rails, Grebes and Waterhens, and other lurkers in the reeds, are of particular interest just now, but we do not get to know much about them unless we are out in all weathers, particularly in the early hours. Just a few days ago on a foul rainy morning I saw my first Waterhen of the season, calmly swimming across a creek: in spite of my proximity she made no attempt at flight, but just paddled quietly into the reeds....and disappeared: in vain I beat the reed-tops with my stick in an attempt to get a view of her; I heard one hoarse croak to let me know she was still there...but she "stayed put" until she finally won the game of patience—and I went home. That same morning I heard from a passer-by that he had seen my old friends "the Podgies"—by which name I refer to the Little Grebes (*Podiceps ruficollis poggei*) that I had been watching all winter; so next day I paid them a visit at the pond indicated. It seems that the Podgies, finding the weedy undergrowth of their winter pond too much for their daily diving operations, have moved to a nearby lagoon where there are clear spots more suitable for their work: and the most curious thing is that these very shy birds have there become quite fearless. It may be that the paths which surround their new home have made them accustomed to humans; it is possible that the natural hunger of the breeding season has made them bolder: the fact remains that they swim round looking like a couple of three-week-old ducklings, and when they dive in search of food they come popping up within a few feet of the spot where they submerged...right under the guns, so to speak. And here is a curious thing. This pond is coated with "duckweed" through which they easily slip when submerging (for everybody, including the Podgies, must know that Duckweed only has floating roots)....and when they come up again they are coated with the green weed which makes a perfect *camouflage* to protect them from any birds of prey flying above. So now I am wondering if this is just one more of Nature's little tricks?—E.S.W.

"Grain of Salt" Department

RANDOM House claims that after an exhaustive search it has discovered two bona-fide newspaper correspondents who have written neither a war diary nor a book about London. One of them is Uriah Winch of the Hackensack "Bugle," the other Abigail Umbilicar of Oswego. Random House signed them up quicker than you can say Raymond Gram Swing. Mr. Winch went to work immediately on an opus that will be called "I Saw Hackensack." Miss Umbilicar's tome, written amidst the staccato roar of the tramps in the Oswego Chowder and Marching Club, will bear the title "We Pay Oswego."

Mr. Hallet Abend's New Book

Mr. Hallet Abend sees nothing funny in the Far East. His latest book "Japan Unmasked" is tense, timely, ominous. Abend never lived long in Japan. But as New York "Times" correspondent, he spent 14½ years covering China. More than once he was in hot water with Gen. Chiang Kai-shek's Government for his realistic reporting, says "Time." Mr. Abend was in hot water all the time. Japan's Washington Embassy had called Abend's despatches "more fair and just than any news reports coming out of China." The Japanese Army in China thought otherwise.

Last year Mr. Abend was warned by a Japanese friend to cross-examine his servants. Mr. Abend asked questions, found that one had been offered a bribe by a Japanese gendarme to put "some papers" in Abend's file. Another had refused $500 to put a box of opium and two loaded revolvers in Mr. Abend's car. When he complained, the Japanese said: So sorry. "The leader of the plot....is being sent back to Japan in chains."

One midnight two masked Japanese got into Abend's apartment, forced him to kneel by twisting his arms. They kicked him in the small of his back, slapped his face. Then they made off with 354 typed pages of his manuscript on Gen. Ward; did not touch valuable jewelry or $350 in cash.

On the day after Abend obtained a three-day scoop on the Japan-Axis pact, there were five threats by telephone. Next day there were more. Then anonymous letters began to arrive. So Mr. Abend said a sad farewell to his two Scotties and one dachshund, began a long inspection tour of the democratic bastions in the Far East that took him to Singapore, The Netherlands East Indies, the Philippines, back to the U.S. In part his book is a report of what he saw, in part it is a report of his years as a journalistic China hand.

Like Mr. James Young, Mr. Abend reports that that in Japan "life is harder, pleasures are fewer, luxuries are banned, clothing is shoddy, food is rationed, amusements are curtailed." Unlike Young, he is unable to laugh at what he finds. Instead he tries to see Japan's case from the viewpoint of a patriotic Japanese. So he does not run the risk of underestimating the Japanese.

Vicious and Choking Circle

"We, in the United States," he says, "see Japan as a conquering Power.....But Japan sees the whole process from the inside of what, to her, seems to be a vicious and choking circle ...Those Americans who rashly believe that Japan could be beaten in war swiftly and with ease should ponder upon Japanese national psychology and upon the quality and temperament of Japan's leadership."

As in more than one Fascist country, Mr. Abend finds that in Japan the war is being used as a pretext for setting up totalitarian socialism. In Japan, socialism is the old army game. "Capitalist and liberal element are to be driven to earth....all initiative is being stifled, and Government control is being ruthlessly extended into every branch of industry. Exchange control, production limitations, restrictions on the purchasing and shipment of supplies, rationing of raw materials—these are among the means...." "A mere whispered threat" by the Army to repeat the 1936 Tokyo mutiny keeps politicians and financiers in line.

To worried Americans, Mr. Abend offers some worried advice: Keep a large part of the U. S. Fleet at Singapore. "Once Japan makes an assault upon that key position it will be too late for us to get there....We did not send our Fleet westward to or toward Singapore, because we feared such an action might anger Japan to the point of a declaration of war.....Our refraining from action may go down in history as another blunder of the democracies—trying to avert an inevitable conflict...."

IN PARENTHESIS

System

"You are breaking more dishes than your wages amount to. What can we do about it?"

"Maybe you'd better raise my wages."

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Lost Out

"So you decided not to get that new car you've been looking at?"

"Yeh, someone else held the lucky ticket."

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Stupid

Boss: Do you know what counts in the taxicab business?

New Driver: No, what?

Boss: The meter, stupid.

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Smart Girl

HE: What luck, ten miles from town and no jack.

She: Well, didn't you bring your cheque-book?

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Terrible

"WHAT, so there are two things you don't like about Joe?"

"Yes, his English is terrible and his Scotch is worse."

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Model Girl

1ST Artist: Say old man, could you recommend a hot model to me?

2nd Artist: Just a minute, while I look one up in my undress book.

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Foto Finish

1ST Artist: The most prudish girl I ever met had the swellest figure I ever saw.

2nd Artist: Can you picture that!

1st Artist; No, she was too prudish to let me.

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Same Old Suit

"HAVE you ever appeared as a witness before?"

"Sure, Judge, sure!"

"In what suit?"

"Why, the same one I'm wearing now!"

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Wised Up

JOE: Yessir, I want to get married.

Jim: Don't. You're not wise enough.

Joe: When will I be wise enough?

Jim: When you get over the idea that you want to get married.

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Now He Is Sick

"DOCTOR, what will it cost to fix me up in good health?"

"What's wrong with you?"

"I don't know."

"Okay, $50!"

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Old Maids

ARABELLA: Why are you spending such an unusual amount of time peering under the bed this evening, dearie?

Agatha: There's a circus in town.

Arabella: What's that got to do with it?

Agatha: I might overlook a midget.

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Politeness at Any Cost

A SMALL coupe skittered over a curbstone and rammed into the front of a building. Disentangling herself from the wreckage, an excited woman stepped from the car. "I was in a hurry to get to the department store," she explained.

"Lady," said the store manager, "you're in it. What can we do for you?"

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Possibly a Refugee

ROBERT Donat is telling this story:

Two girls pushed past him to get on a tram.

"'Ere, Gert," exclaimed one of them, "d'you know 'oo that chap was you was pushing against just now? That was the Count of Monte Cristo!"

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Max Schmeling Killed While Attempting Escape in Crete

Alexandria, May 29.

MAX Schmeling, famed German heavyweight boxer and former world champion, was killed in Crete while attempting to escape from British soldiers, New Zealand sources here said yesterday.

Schmeling volunteered as a German parachutist. He was captured when he landed and was being escorted to a prison camp when he attempted to escape, said reports.

Slightly wounded when he was captured in Crete in the first few days of the fighting, he was given medical attention and sent back to a prison camp.

While the New Zealanders were mopping up a new group of parachutists, Schmeling seized a wounded man's rifle and attempted to escape but was shot and killed, the New Zealanders said.

The German boxer, who had been engaged in training German parachutists for several years, only entered active service recently. He volunteered as a parachutist and the Berlin radio on Monday night announced that he was among the first parachutists to have landed in Crete. The German broadcaster described his landing in Crete by a troop-carrying plane.

Field ambulance reported that he was slightly wounded when he was captured in the first few days of the fighting in Crete. He was brought to a dressing station as a prisoner and he showed papers bearing his name. In an American accent, he announced that he was a boxer, the New Zealand sources related.

A New Zealand colonel visited the dressing station and was satisfied beyond doubt that the wounded man was Schmeling, these sources added. The German boxer, known as the "Black Uhlan," was reported to have been truculent and threatening when he was sent back to prison camp with other German prisoners, these sources disclosed.

Schmeling, they alleged, then seized a rifle from a wounded man while New Zealand troops were mopping up new German parachutists and attempted to make a bid for freedom. He was shot, however, before he could make good his escape, and killed, they said.

The German boxer, who bore a close resemblence to Jack Dempsey, one of the greatest fighters of all-time and a former heavyweight champion, was seriously injured last September while training German parachutists.

Schmeling won the world heavyweight title from Jack Sharkey on a foul in 1930, but lost the title Back to Sharkey on decision in 1932. In 1933 he was knocked out by Max Baer, Jewish-American boxer.

Schmeling began a successful comeback soon after and climbed to new glory when he created a major upset by knocking Joe Louis, present world titleholder, out in the twelfth round in 1936.

His bid to regain the world title from the Negro in 1938 marked his finish as a boxer. Louis in their second meeting crushed Schmeling in a single round, inflicting such punishment that the German had to enter hospitals, both in the United States and Germany, for expert medical attention because of serious internal injuries.—United Press.

Max Schmeling

Billy Conn to Meet Joe Louis in June

New York, May 29.

After a stormy dispute regarding terms with Mike Jacobs, outstanding boxing promoter, Billy Conn and his manager, Johnny Ray, yesterday signed a contract for a title bout with Joe Louis, world heavyweight champion, on June 18 at the Polo Grounds here.

Conn, youthful Irish-American fighter from Pittsburgh, entered the ranks of the heavyweights last year after relinquishing his world light-heavyweight crown. He has been after a bout with Louis for more than a year. Although tentatively promised a fight with Louis by Jacobs, head of the 20th Century Sporting Club, who handles all bouts in which Louis appears, Conn only signed papers yesterday.

Conn Changing His Style

A classy boxer, who is extremely fast with his hands, Conn has been concentrating in the past few months on developing harder blows. Formerly he specialized in jabbing, but he has slightly changed his style recently in an effort to put more beef behind his blows.

Conn has been engaged in a warm-up campaign in preparation for his big fight with Louis. In his most recent showing he scored a technical knockout over Buddy Knox earlier this week. Conn revealed great improvement in his punching power-battering Knox so badly in the seventh round that Knox could not come out for the eighth canto. Knox was knocked down three times in the seventh round.—United Press.

Huge Sum Netted By Gymkhana

The Organizing Committee of the Empire Day Mounted Gymkhana, consisting of:—

Messrs:—H. L. Bridger, J. C. Greig, H. Maitland, A. V. White, E. H. McMichael, a French friend, and A. J. Hickmott.

Have pleasure in announcing that the net sum of $24,000 is in the process of being sent to the British Residents Association for distribution to the War Funds. The above sum represents the provisional and estimated profit to date from the Gymkhana. There are probably a few minor additions, which will be published at a later date.

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		$23,832.55
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		$24,000.00

Dempsey and Baer Praise Schmeling

New York, May 29.

Two former world heavyweight boxing champions, one of whom was an opponent, had only kind things to say when they heard of the death in Crete of Max Schmeling, German former world heavyweight titleholder.

Jack Dempsey, probably the world's most colourful former heavyweight champion, said, "He was a great fighter and a great fellow. He told me once privately that he was not really in favour of the Nazis.

"We were good friends. I met him years ago in Germany when I was touring long before America heard of him."

Max Baer, who knocked Schmeling out in 1933, said, in an interview in Sacramento, "I think Schmeling hated war. He probably did not want to fight, but Hitler made him."—United Press.

Baer's Claim to Title Rejected

Washington, May 29.

The District of Columbia Boxing Commission unanimously rejected yesterday Buddy Baer's claim to the world's heavyweight title on the grounds that he was fouled by Champion Joe Louis in their bout here last Friday.

Baer claimed that Louis hit him after the bell had sounded ending the sixth round. Baer had just risen at the count of ten before the closing gong sounded. Because of the roar of the crowd, Louis apparently failed to hear the bell closing the round and he landed a terrific right to the head, flooring Baer.

Referee Donovan later said that the knockout blow was landed before the bell, but most observers, including the United Press sports scribes, said the punch was delivered after the bell.

Baer's seconds refused to leave the ring when the warning whistle sounded ten seconds before the bell for the opening of the seventh round, and they still declined to leave when the bell rang for action. Donovan then disqualified the challenger who was helpless, half-unconscious on his stool from the beating administered by Louis.—United Press.

Nova's Chances Against Joe Louis

London, May 26.

Max Baer, former world heavyweight champion and one of the ring's most colourful figures, will certainly not be able to fulfil his boast that he would regain the title within a year. The time limit he had set himself is up in September and, far from wresting back the crown from Joe Louis, he may now be said to be finished as a championship contender.

It is even possible that Baer may decide to retire from boxing and that his name will recede into the past like so many champions before him. This melancholy note is prompted by the severe drubbing he received at the hands of the young Californian, Lou Nova, who had Bear in such a groggy state that the referee, Arthur Donovan, stopped the fight.

Not the New and Serious Baer

It was not the new and serious Max Baer who was seen in action against Nova. When Baer gave up his clowning and intimated that he was deadly serious, it certainly looked as though he meant it. He battered "Two Ton" Tony Galento and then thrashed Patrick Comiskey into submission in the first round.

But against Nova it was the same old play-acting, taunting "playboy" of the ring. He skipped round the ring with his famous scornful expression on his face, indulged in all his clowning tricks, including standing with his arms akimbo, taunting Nova to "come on and fight."

Following the example of Tommy Loughran, one of the finest boxers of his time, Baer would work his way round to his own corner at the end of each round and lazily sink on to his stool with an air of contempt.

Nova Unimpressed by Display

Nova was not impressed by this display, however, and, after surviving an anxious period in the fourth round—the only time one saw a glimpse of the real, vicious Baer—he jabbed Baer silly with well-timed lefts while the crowd of 23,000 roared its approval. In the eighth round a short right to the jaw put Baer down for "nine" and another right cross once again deposited him on the canvas.—Reuter.

Lawn Bowls Loops Start Tomorrow

Interest in lawn bowls will gather momentum tomorrow afternoon when local players will wade into active competition with the opening round of the Shanghai Lawn Bowls Association's league series. With both first and second divisions scheduled to start tomorrow a full programme of no less than eight encounters will be staged during the course of the afternoon. Deliveries are not expected to fall below the standard of the past year as participants have been practicing religiously on their respective greens.

The principal aim of the nine aggregations competing in the first division this year will be to wrest the league title from the Recs who have shown remarkable form to win it three years consecutively. Their first adversaries this summer will be the S.L.B.C. "Blues" who have been pitted against them in the initial round. This tussle should be productive of some keen bowling as both sides have been fortunate in being able to retain their most formidable bowlers.

The Recs, however, appear to have a slight edge over their redoubtable opponents in the fact that they will be playing on their own greens. With all three rinks bristling with strength they should be able to get off to a good start tomorrow by accounting for the S.L.B.C.

In the meantime, the "Reds" unit of the S.L.B.C. will be put through a strenous test when they encounter the Junior Golf Club side who will be their guests for the afternoon. As this is the first engagement there is little or no form to go on. But if last year's performance may be taken as a criterion, the "Reds" should be able to emerge victorious. The J.G.C. players, however, are a rather unpredictable lot and, as was often been the case last summer, are capable of producing a brand of bowling that would give the strongest rinks something to worry about.

Break Their "Jinx"

The Police Recreation Club who were constantly dogged by ill luck last year when they lost rink games and matches by the barest of margins repeatedly, are determined more than ever this year to break their "jinx." Should they succeed in their first effort tomorrow, the Lusitano "Reds" will be their victims.

The fourth clash of the first division will see the Hongkew Golf Club playing on their own greens against the Yangtszepoo Bowling Club. Though on paper the Golfers should be able to register a win, it is quite within the realms of possibility for the Y.B.C. to score an upset here as their rinks will be considerably strengthened by the inclusion of several promising players who distinguished themselves in the second division last year.

The following is the schedule for tomorrow:—

First Division

S.L.B.C. Reds *v.* Junior Golf Club.
Police Recreation Club *v.* Lusitano Reds.
Hongkew Golf Club *v.* Yangtzepoo Bowling Club.
Shanghai Recreation Club *v.* S.L.B.C. Blues.

Second Division

Junior Golf Club *v.* S.L.B.C.
Clube Lusitano *v.* Police Recreation Club.
Yangtzepoo Bowling Club *v.* Hongkew Golf Club.
Country Club *v.* Shanghai Recreation Club.

Owing to limited space the list of teams will be published tomorrow morning.

Canidrome Results

1—300 yd. flat.—1, Hei Jen Ya Kiao; 2, Mixed Ginger.
Also ran:—Pearl's Fancy, Hunter's Whip, Wychwood Abbot, Shanghai Shroff.
½ length.—Time, 18.38.
Win, $23.40. Forecast 2-6 Div. $142.10.
Place, 1st $13.40; 2nd $11.50.

2—300 yd. flat.—1, Dingle Road; 2, Red Bug.
Also ran:—Don't Fool, Dauntless Question, Golden Rock, Victory II.
1 length.—Time, 18.13.
Win, $24.30. Forecast 2-4 Div. $106.70.
Place, 1st $11; 2nd $11.30.
Double Event 1/2 2-2 Div. $57.50.

3—440 yd. flat.—1, Jorrock's Alone; 2, Youthful Parent.
Also ran:—Crafty Venus, Fishing Spree, False Link, Glenmore Lass.
1 length.—Time, 26.70.
Win, $39.60. Forecast 5-2 Div. $343.40.
Place, 1st $16.20; 2nd $31.30.
Double Event 2/3 2-5 Div. $83.30.

4—500 yd. flat.—1, Adam's Ruin; 2, Golden Angelo.
Also ran:—Wild Rose, Wild Flower, Pearl's Pet, Paddy Blue.
1½ length.—Time, 30.84.
Win, $9.60. Forecast 5-4 Div. $25.30.
Place, 1st $6.20; 2nd $8.30.
Double Event 3/4 5-5 Div. $25.80.

5—500 yd. flat.—1, Big Shot; 2, Open Beach.
Also ran:—Drifting Snow, Shenkoland II, Oregon Duke, Federal Agent.
½ length.—Time, 30.71.
Win, $11.60. Forecast 4-6 Div. $138.90.
Place, 1st $7.80; 2nd $23.10.
Double Event 4/5 5-4 Div. $10.80.

6—500 yd. flat.—1, Oulala; 2, Botany Boy.
Also ran:—Chihli Blue Fox, Simple Jackie, Feeling Fine, Spermin
1 length.—Time, 30.76.
Win, $41.40. Forecast 6-5 Div. $150.10.
Place, 1st $15.60; 2nd $15.60.
Double Event 5/6 4-6 Div. $31.90.

7—500 yd. flat.—1, So Peaceful; 2, Grand Senate.
Also ran:—Opera Eve, City Brat, Cordon Violet, Starting Price.
Short head.—Time, 30.17.
Win, $18.60. Forecast 6-2 Div. $103.80.
Place, 1st $7.20; 2nd $10.70.
Double Event 6/7 6-6 Div. $35.40.

8—500 yd. flat.—1, Bright Julie; 2, Glenmore Leader.
Also ran:—Instructor, Can Go, Paddy Brown Eyes, Dover Camp.
4½ lengths.—Time, 30.29.
Win, $32.10. Forecast 4-1 Div. $218.90.
Place, 1st $15.60; 2nd $12.60.
Double Event 7/8 6-4 Div. $53.90.

9—500 yd. flat.—1, Village Attorney; 2, Cordon Bleu.
Also ran:—Sauce Mayonnaise, Sauce Mirelle, Don't Fret, False Lady.
1 length.—Time, 29.83.
Win, $16.40. Forecast 3-2 Div. $75.20.
Place, 1st $8.10; 2nd $11.60.
Double Event 8/9 4-3 Div. $57.10.

10—500 yd. flat.—1, Crafty Velma; 2, Rather Nimble.
Also ran:—Glenmore Lyric, Rusty Brigadier, Fair Entry, Royal Navy.
1 length.—Time, 29.96.
Win, $27.10. Forecast 3-6 Div. $132.
Place, 1st $12.50; 2nd $10.50.
Double Event 9/10 3-3 Div. $46.20.

11—500 yd. flat.—1, Debtor; 2, Chez Maurice.
Also ran:—So Far City, Grey Vole, Candid Attack, Sans Parole.
2½ lengths.—Time, 29.76.
Win, $27.70. Forecast 2-1 Div. $74.30.
Place, 1st $11; 2nd $9.70.
Double Event 10/11 3-2 Div. $64.30.

Cards Squeeze Out 6-5 Win Over Cubs

New York, May 28.

Collecting three runs in the last of the ninth the Cardinals came through with a 6 to 5 victory over the ambitious Chicago Cubs today at St Louis. The league leaders trailed badly and were outhit by the Cubs but timely blows by Terry Moore, Steve Mesner, Martin Marion, Harry Walker and Don Padget spelled victory for the Cards. The big guns in the last inning rally were Mesner, who connected with a three bagger, and Moore, who came through with a double.

The Pittsburgh Pirates piled up an early lead to humble the Cincinnati Reds 7 to 4

Box Scores

AMERICAN LEAGUE

	R.	H.	E.
St. Louis	8	12	0
Chicago	4	13	2
Batteries: Galehouse, Auker, Harris and Ferrell; Smith, Appleton and Tresh.			
Cleveland	5	9	2
Detroit	8	11	4
Batteries: Harder, Eisenstat, Heving and Hemsley; Trout, Benton and Tebbetts.			
Philadelphia	8	16	2
Boston	6	15	2
Batteries: Beckman, Ferrick and Hayes; Fleming, Ryba, Wilson and Pytlan.			
New York	6	7	0
Washington	5	11	2
Batteries: Peek, Breuer and Dickey; Hudson, Carrasquel and Early.			

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Chicago	5	11	1
St. Louis	6	9	0
Batteries: French, Page, Olsen and McCullough; White, Krist, Shoun and Mancuso			
Pittsburgh	7	8	1
Cincinnati	4	12	0
Batteries: Butcher and Lopez; Moore, E. Riddle, Hutchings, Beggs and Lombandi West.			
Braves and Giants postponed because of rain.			
Brooklyn	6	14	0
Philadelphia	5	14	1
Batteries: Higbe, Davis, Swift and Phelps, Owen; Hughes, Crouch, Beck, Brunner and Warren.			

Standings

AMERICAN LEAGUE

	W.	L.	Pct.
Cleveland	28	15	.651
Chicago	21	16	.568
New York	22	18	.550
Detroit	21	19	.525
Philadelphia	19	20	.487
Boston	17	18	.486
St. Louis	13	23	.361
Washington	14	26	.350

NATIONAL LEAGUE

St. Louis	29	9	.763
Brooklyn	27	12	.692
New York	19	14	.576
Cincinnati	17	21	.447
Chicago	16	20	.444
Pittsburgh	13	20	.394
Boston	12	21	.364
Philadelphia	10	26	.278

—United Press.

Week-End Cricket Schedule

Friday, May 30

10.30 a.m. S.C.C. President's XI *v.* S.C.C. Vice-President's XI. S.C.C. ground.

Saturday, May 31

1.45 p.m. A Police XI *v.* S.C.C. XI. Police ground.
1.45 p.m. A. Lingard's XI *v.* D. W. Leach's XI. S.C.C. Ground.
1.45 p.m. Recs' XI *v.* A Parsee XI. Recs' Ground.

Sunday, June 1

1.45 p.m S.C.C. XI *v.* A Parsee XI. S.C.C. Ground.
1.45 p.m. Recs Sloggers *v.* Recs' Swipers. Recs' Ground.

Police XI (*v.* S.C.C. XI):—A. C. P. Abbott, J. T. Allen, E. C. Baker, W. H. Ealdock, A. C. Barton, D. L. Blix, B. B. Boddy, S. V. Gash, D. Novgorodoff, F. A. Pitts F C. Woodley. Reserves: L. Davies, H. C. Kidby and A. M. Fonseca.

Golf Starting Times

Shanghai Golf Club

SATURDAY

1.12 Cameron, Jourdin/Jones, Rodger
1.24 MacFarlane, Guest/Grubb, Cowherd
1.32 Terrace, Saphiere/Vice President
1.44 Captain/Snow, McCants
1.52 McDonald, Grosfils/Isher., Ewing
2.04 President/Lurton, Dickson
2.12 Open., Drysdale/De Jong, Lampo
2.24 Jenkins, Smith/Dwyer, Carson
2.32 Denbigh, Shaw

SUNDAY

8.56 MacFarlane, McCants/Piper, Scott
9.08 Saphiere, Wheeler/De Jong, Moller
9.16 Cowherd, Clark/Bell, Smith
9.28 Huggett, Jourdin/Otorii, Iseri
9.36 Cameron, Corbett/Isherwood, Wilk
9.48 President/Dwyer, Carson
9.56 Vice President/Captain, Lurton
10.08 Hartnett, Rogers/Rigg, McCutcheon
10.16 Marshall, Dickson/Openshaw, Elzear
10.28 Martin, Openshaw/Jenkins, Grosfils
10.36 Allan, Nelson/Beveridge, Ross
10.48 Campbell, *Burton/E. Germ, MacL.*
10.56 *Allan, Unite/Turnbull, Toeg*

Full Week-End Cricket Commentary

Cricket will be in full swing during the coming week end no less than six excellent matches having been arranged for the next three days. With the weather set fair and fine there is every indication that a definite result will be obtained in each encounter which should enable spotters of form to weigh up the merits and chances of the various league sides which will start getting to grips on Saturday June 7, a week hence.

To-day on the S.C.C. ground, two more than useful Shanghai Cricket Club XIs will meet in the first all-day encounter of the season. The sides are labelled President's XI and Vice-President's XI and are captained by Dean and Leach. The latter's team appears to be stronger in all round batting and bowling abilities containing such players as Leach, Ducklitt, Elliot, Marshall, Orr, Simpson and Stokes and though Dean's XI includes members such as Fletcher, Jenkins, Pearson, Pote-Hunt and Read it is doubtful if this side will gain the day unless Jenkins is in deadly form with the ball. Nevertheless an exciting game should be witnessed with a number of batsmen likely to amass big scores.

On Saturday on the Police ground the Police entertain another S.C.C. XI in a friendly match. The visitors are by no means as strong as they could be while the Police will be fielding their senior side. A number of newcomers will be seen making their first appearance for the Police, who should, if their bowlers and batsmen are in their regular form, experience little difficulty in gaining the day.

On the S.C.C. ground the same afternoon two other S.C.C. teams will fight for honours. An XI captained by Leach will meet a side led by Lingard. A number of senior players have been included in both teams and the return to active play of Rawsthorne who is included in Lingard's XI will be watched with interest. He has not played for a number of seasons but those who watched him bowl a few years ago when the wicket suited him will regard his return as a very definite asset to the depleted S.C.C. strength this summer. While high scoring in this game is not likely to be seen a keen and fairly close encounter should be on the cards.

The third game for Saturday afternoon will take place on the Recs' ground when the Parsees will meet the Recs. Both sides are almost at full strength and though on the face of things the hosts should have the better of the proceedings, it will be remembered that the Parsees, during the last few years, have invariably been lucky on their visits to the Recs' enclosure and a victory for the Parsees is by no means out of the question despite the earliness of the season.

On Sunday afternoon the S.C.C. will field their sixth eleven in three days when a team skippered by Dunkley will oppose a Parsee XI on the former's ground. Both teams are of good standard though there are a number of junior players included in each side. It would come as no surprise at all to see the visitors win though their bowling strength appears to be on the weak side.

The final game of the week-end takes place on the Recs' ground on Sunday afternoon when the Recs' Swipers vie with the Recs' Sloggers in a Club friendly game. If the names of the teams indicate the brand of play to be seen then spectators should have a hectic afternoon in watching the ball being knocked out of the enclosure on every possible occasion.

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6	6	5	150.10	31.90
7	6	2	103.80	35.40
8	4	1	218.90	53.80
9	3	2	75.20	57.10
10	3	6	132.00	46.20
11	2	1	74.30	64.30
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Observation and Origin of The Dragon Boat Festival

BY ARTHUR DE C. SOWERBY

TODAY is the Dragon Boat Festival of the Chinese, and no doubt it will be celebrated in many places in China and in countries outside China where there are large colonies of Chinese in the time-honoured way with dragon boat races on canals, rivers and lakes, the scattering of rice upon the waters, the eating of three-cornered cakes or puddings of glutinous rice, and the floating of small lanterns on the waters after dark.

It is one of the most picturesque of the many annual festivals of the Chinese, and was even more so in the days before the advent of the Republic. Today its main importance lies in the fact that it is one of the three settlement days during the year, when accounts are closed and outstanding debts collected—if possible.

Falling on the 5th Day of the 5th Moon, which is also known as the Dragon Moon, since the Chinese constellation of the Dragon is at its greatest altitude in the heavens at about this time, it belongs to the old-style Lunar calendar, and so is a movable feast in relation to our Western or Gregorian calendar and the Chinese Nature calendar, which are based on the apparent movements of the Sun. This year it comes earlier than usual, as was the case with the Chinese New Year Festival.

The Chinese call it the *Wu Yueh Chieh*, which means the "Fifth Moon Festival." The name "Dragon Boat Festival" was given to it by the British when they first came to China because of the dragon boat races already mentioned. Frequently these are very spectacular, the boats being of special design, long and narrow, and each being provided with an ornate dragon's head at the bows and tail at the stern, as well as with ceremonial umbrellas and flags in the Shanghai area, but not further south. They are propelled by numerous enthusiasts using canoe-paddles, which is a method of propulsion altogether different from those in general use on Chinese rivercraft. During the races great excitement reigns and crowds of spectators line the banks of the waterways cheering on to victory the crews of their own village or community boat.

Origin in Distant Antiquity

The connection between the dragon and this festival has been a matter of considerable speculation amongst Western savants and investigators. The Chinese themselves do not appear to be able to offer a satisfactory explanation of the origin of the dragon boat races, which seems to be lost in antiquity as far as any actual records go. Bredon and Mitrophanow in their book "The Moon Year," following De Groot, suggest that a link with the dragon might be found in an attempt at a very early period to propitiate the restless spirits of people who had fallen into rivers or lakes and had been devoured by alligators, from which animal they suggest that the Chinese *lung* or Dragon, was derived. This rite taking place at the time of the Summer Solstice, which was probably the forerunner of the Fifth Moon Festival, became the custom to propitiate the dragon, the Lord and Controller of the Waters, with offerings of food.

This theory, however, will not bear the test of investigation. In the first place the Chinese dragon was not derived from the alligator, but from the snake, as is proved by Shang Dynasty bone carvings, dating back fifteen or so centuries before the Christian era, which show a creature with a serpent's body, no legs or wings, but with the head of a tiger. To this motif, which can be traced down through the ages in the art-forms of China, were later added legs and other physical attributes taken from other animals.

In the second place the Chinese alligator, now confined to certain shallow lakes in the lower valley of the Yangtze River, could never have been a man-eater. It is too small, its maximum length being between six and seven feet, while it is extremely docile. Its food consists mainly of molluscs, frogs and other aquatic animals as well as of grass-hoppers which swarm in the reed-beds of its marshy home. The man-eating estuarine crocodile (*Crocodilus porosus* Schn.) could hardly have been known to the very early Chinese, since it occurs in this country only along the coasts of the extreme southwest and, even so, but rarely. In the third place the Chinese consider the dragon a benevolent creature, the friend and protector of man, not one that devours people.

Merging of Ceremonial Functions

It is much more likely that the Fifth Moon Festival as it is now celebrated actually represents the merging together of three distinct ceremonial functions, derived from three entirely different sources, but happening to come at about the same time of year. The first of these, it may be suggested, was the celebration of the Summer Solstice, the longest day of the year, which, being connected with Sun worship, the oldest known cult, goes far back into prehistoric times.

The second element in the Fifth Moon Festival would appear to have come from the far south and to be of Indonesian origin. As pointed out in a most illuminating paper by S. F. Balfour in the "Tien Hsia" magazine, entitled "Hongkong Before the British," the long narrow crafts used in the dragon boat races are not typically Chinese, but Indonesian in design. This long canoe-like type of dragon boat is used today in Indo-China, Hongkong and on the southern mainland of China as far north as Fukien. The old local postage stamps of Foochow showed a picture of one of these boats. In the Shanghai area, however, the dragon boats are much wider and more like the ordinary Chinese sampan. But the use of the canoe-paddles in propelling them and the longer narrower dragon boats of the south is most significant, for, as already pointed out, it is not a Chinese method of propulsion. On the other hand, it is typical of the whole of the Malayan and Indonesian region.

These facts, coupled with the scattering of rice upon the waters during this festival and the time of year at which it occurs, strongly suggest that the festival belonged to the rice-culture people and was held with the object of ensuring a bountiful crop of this important cereal.

Commemoration of Statesman

The third element in the Fifth Moon Festival is found in the explanation given by the Chinese, namely, that it commemorates the death of the upright minister Chu Yuan of the State of Chu late in the Chou Dynasty some 500 years before the Christian era, who committed suicide by drowning in despair over the official corruption of his day. This he explained in his famous poem entitled *Li Sao* which he penned before drowning himself. The people were so perturbed by his tragic demise that they offered sacrifices to his homeless spirit in the way of food thrown into the water.

One day the legend runs, his spirit appeared to some devotees and informed them that, as their sacrifices were always devoured by a large reptile in the water, they were no use to him. He told them to wrap the rice they offered in silk and bind the packets with five threads each of a different colour. Such packets, he said, the reptile would not dare to touch. This is the origin of the three-cornered packets of glutinous rice, which are eaten by the Chinese at this time as well as being thrown into creeks and rivers to appease the spirits of Chu Yuan and all other people who have been drowned and so have not been properly buried in their ancestral graveyards. Only today the broad leaves of reeds and the stalks of sedge take the place respectively of the silk wrappings and coloured threads ordered by Chu Yuan. The lanterns floated upon the waters at night during this festival are to light the way of these wandering homeless spirits

Dragon Boat Feast Observed Today

Grocery shops and department stores in Shanghai were thronged with Chinese customers yesterday as they were preparing to pass the Dragon Boat Festival today, the fifth day of the fifth moon. As usual, festival gifts have been exchanged among the Chinese during the past few days, but no programme of the dragon boat race as witnessed during the pre-war days has been announced although special amusement programmes have been prepared for today by Chinese theatres.

The main special delicacy for today is the "tsung tze," a con-shaped package of boiled rice mixed with sugar, pork or ham. Eggs and sweets are to be distributed to children when banquets are held at noon. The day may also be considered as a general house-cleaning and health campaign day among the children, who are usually given Chinese medicines for curing summer diseases. The Chinese believe that it is most efficacious to take such medicines today.

Banks Closed

Chinese banks will be closed for the day and many business firms and public organizations will also close. Most of the Chinese shops here will not be closed, although shop assistants will be treated at special banquets given by their managers. Many of them, however, are to enjoy a holiday patronizing the various amusement centres. Many children are to wear "tiger" garments especially prepared for the occasion by their parents.

The day has entirely lost its original meaning, for it was a day set aside by the ancient Chinese to commemorate the death of a loyal premier namel Chiu Yuen during the Tsu Dynasty who committed suicide by throwing himself into a lake in Hunan province (known as the Mei Lo). He had a brilliant career, being loyal to both the emperor and people, but remorseful over slanderous statements made by his colleagues against him, which fact caused the emperor to distrust him. Superstitious Chinese in ancient times threw "tsung tze" into the river to assist his spirit and sailed dragon boats for the same purpose.

Accounting Ordered in Hai Alai Case

In a judgment delivered by Judge Cattand in the action for accounting brought by Madame du Pac de Marsoulies and M. J. Pasquier against M. F. Bouvier and the directors of the Parc des Sports, operators of the Hai Alai, the French Consular Court ordered M. Bouvier, chairman of the board of directors, to render all necessary accounting and justify expenses which plaintiffs contended were unwarranted, before one of the judges, M. Y. Segalen, assisted if required by a chartered accountant. Within three months the investigating judge will file his report into court. All costs in the action were ordered to be borne by the defendants.

Another shareholder, M. Boudes has filed an application with the court to order M. Bouvier to give evidence on oath of

1. whether or not he had received special remunerations apart from the usual directors fees;

2. whether or not he had been paid special remunerations for high cost of living; and

3. whether or not he had received funds from third parties without the knowledge of the board of directors or shareholders.

The court decided that, as the first two points had already been elucidated in the affirmative, the evidence of M. Bouvier regarding them was no longer necessary. On the third point the court held that he need not give evidence at present as plaintiffs had reserved the right to investigate the case further. A counter-claim of M. Bouvier for $10,000 damages was dismissed. M. d'Auxion de Ruffé appeared for plaintiffs while the defendants were represented by M. P. Premet.

Johnson in Washington

Washington, May 29.

Mr. Nelson T. Johnson, former United States Ambassador to China and now Minister to Australia, arrived here yesterday by aeroplane after a quick trip across the Pacific and the United States.—United Press.

Soloist Tonight

Mme Burlamaqui Mee will give a piano recital at the Lyceum.

Export Control Bill Signed

Washington, May 29.

President Roosevelt late yesterday signed the new bill restricting exports from the Philippine Islands, Hawaii, Puerto Rico, Virgin Islands and Canal Zone, thus closing the last leak in the United States' export control system.

The law could not be disguised as other than aimed to prevent shipments of vital fats and oils to Japan and Soviet Russia for large-scale transshipment to Germany. Moreover, the bill was believed to be a direct economic blow at Japan because it may deprive that nation of large supplies of glycerine, hemp, iron ore, chromium and manganese which in the past it has been getting from the Philippines.

In the past few months, Japan and Soviet Russia have imported millions of pounds of coconut oil and hemp, seeking to accumulate reserves before export control becomes effective. The President, however, issued a proclamation invoking the law immediately.—United Press.

No Ban on Petrol

Washington, May 28.

The United States Government, for the present, has no intention of banning petroleum to Japan, or imposing any further restrictions, President Roosevelt asserted during today's press interview.—Domei.

Singapore Press Backs Up Pres. Roosevelt

Singapore, May 29.

British observers generally agreed today that President Roosevelt's fireside speech on Tuesday was strongly significant, but remarked upon the absence of any specific reference to the Pacific.

The Japanese-sponsored "Singapore Herald" declared that "America can prevent the war from spreading throughout the world and also shorten its duration, but not by rushing to the fight in the Atlantic without attempting to establish peace in the Pacific.

The "Singapore Free Press" declared that "the United States is clearing for action. President Roosevelt has armed himself with full emergency powers to facilitate mobilization of the United States' vast creative forces."

The "Straits Times" declared that "in everything but the strictest legal sense the speech was a declaration of war...President Roosevelt went to the extreme limit short of such a commitment."

The editorial discussed at length Article III of the tripartite pact whose invocation might involve Japan in hostilities with the United States in the event of an American declaration of war on Germany. The editorial pointed out that "a difficult problem will be solved by Japan escaping automatic involvement in the war" in the event Germany, rather than the United States, declared war. The editorial said such a German declaration would not disturb President Roosevelt.—United Press.

Batavia Calls All Firearms In

Batavia, May 29.

The Netherlands East Indies Government yesterday called in all firearms which must be delivered to the "stadswacht" or city guards and the "landwacht" or country guards. Owners will be indemnified financially.

The object of the move was to supply temporary arms for the outer province guards and garrisons which have not yet received modern "tommy-guns," which at present are available only to the principle "stadwacht." The firearms will also augment the arms of personnel at sugar mills and gold mines in the back-country.—United Press.

Central War Fund Reveals Needs of Red Cross

THE Central British War Fund continues to receive from London a copy of the fortnightly "Summary of Work" published by the Red Cross and St. John War Organization. The booklet always has interesting information in it of the activities of the organization.

For convenience any account of these activities may be divided between Red Cross work and the care of Prisoners of War. The latter part of their task will be the subject of another article.

The "Summary" dated April 5 has just reached Shanghai and the information that follows is taken from it.

Members Killed

Roll of Honour. The British Red Cross Society reports that to date 48 members of detachments in Great Britain have been killed through enemy action.

Expenditure of Funds. The main items of expenditure are as under:—

	£
General and Medical Stores ..	1,080,000
Ambulances, X-Ray Units etc.	225,000
Prisoners of War (Food and Comforts)	1,475,000
Commissions Overseas	163,000
Convalescent Homes for Officers and Other Ranks (less amounts received)	164,000
Red Cross and St. John County Branches and Joint County Committees for local work .	325,000
Collections remitted to or obtained direct by Scottish Branch, B.R.C.S.	500,000
Relief in Finland	10,000
General, Secretarial, Administrative and Appeal Expenses	215,000
	£4,157,000

The total funds received by the Treasurers from the inception of the Appeal to March 5, 1941 amounted to..	£5,070,000
Deduct—Expenditure as above	4,157,000
Balance of Funds at March 5, 1941	£ 913,000

It will be observed from the above figures that four-fifths of the total funds received have already been spent or allocated.

The balance is not free money as the War Organization has to face heavy commitments for specific service now in operation, such as parcels for prisoners of war, ambulances, and convalescent homes at home and overseas.

X-Ray Unit Wanted

Motor X-ray units. A motor X-ray unit costs £2,850, and the war organization have a number in use. Shanghai have contributed six standard ambulances to the Red Cross and perhaps it is not too much to hope that subscriptions to the Central British War Fund will be sufficiently generous to add an X-Ray Unit to this fleet without neglecting other urgent causes. The "Summary" reports that Ministry of Health officers have recently inspected one of the motor units. They gave their highest approval of the lay-out and capacity of the unit and to its complement and accessories.

Unofficially it was described as the "answer to a hospital officer's prayer." Ten V.A.D. drivers who are to be in charge of units are now taking a course of intensive training in the assembly of the apparatus, the maintenance of dark room equipment and in developing and making up of chemicals. Their knowledge should be of the greatest assistance to the specialist staff of the hospitals.

Middle East Needs

The Red Cross and St. John Appeal. It is well-known that the appeal is sponsored by H.R.H. the Duke of Gloucester. The funds collections over the first 18 months of the war, it is stated, compare favourably with the equivalent collections in the 1914-1918 war, but more money is urgently needed by the War Organization if it is to continue to meet the demands which are made upon it.

Particularly nowadays the cost of the Red Cross services in the middle East is on an increasing scale. During the period March to August inclusive, i.e. the second half of the second year of war, £2,000,000 must be collected. Lord Iliffe, Chairman of the Appeal Executive Committee, has said he could see the first million being collected but the second was the difficulty.

Shanghai's Part

Since its inception the Central British War Fund has contributed to the Red Cross, as distinct from the Lord Mayor's Air Raid Relief Fund, the sum of £18,960, of which £3,300 was for ambulances, £450 for the Greek Red Cross, and £2,500 especially for hospitals in Great Britain.

It must not be forgotten that Shanghai's effort on behalf of the Red Cross is not restricted to gifts of money but is actively assisted by many working parties who regularly despatch valuable parcels of goods.

S.M.C. Issues Rice Communique

Referring to comments in the local press on the report that Saigon broken rice imported by the French authorities is to be sold at a retail price of $106 per bag or $87 per zar, an official Council communiqué issued yesterday stated:

It should be noted that the difference between the above price and the current price of S.M.C. rice (Rangoon small mills special), is only a quality difference which corresponds very well to the difference in value which the local market places on the two qualities of Rice—a fact which becomes evident from the open market quotation for the past week:—

	Rangoon Rice	Saigon Broken Rice
May 20, 1941	$104.00	$81.00
May 21, 1941	$107.00	$80.00
May 22, 1941	$115.50	$86.00
May 23, 1941	$112.00	$89.00
May 24, 1941	$112.00	$90.00
May 26, 1941	$115.00	$93.00

Commons Discuss Selangor Strike

London, May 29.

The recent strike of rubber workers in Selangor was raised in the House of Commons last night, when Mr. G. Hall, Under-Secretary of State for the Colonies, declared that some 7,000 strikers were involved in serious strikes early in May.

The High Commissioner reported considerable intimidation by bands of strikers, and there were five deaths in disturbances between May 10 and 15. He also informed Lord Moyne (Colonial Secretary) that there was no justification for the strike, and that the wages of Indian estate workers in the rubber industry at present were higher than ever before and included a cost of living allowance.

The district concerned, Mr. Hall continued, had been subjected to considerable propaganda by adherents of the Central Indian Association in Malaya. The High Commissioner had informed Lord Moyne there was clear evidence of subversive propaganda by one of these persons who was arrested on May 5 with a view to banishment.

The High Commissioner was actively concerning himself with a full sympathetic examination of any grievances which the workers may advance.

Mr. R. Sorensen, Labour member for West Leyton, suggested fuller investigations on the ground that "there must be something other than subversive grounds."

Mr. Hall said the High Commissioner was making a fuller investigation and the Government was awaiting his report.—Reuter.

Communists Disapprove Roosevelt Speech

Chungking, May 29.

President Roosevelt's broadcast was splashed in all Chinese papers some of which even published extra editions yesterday afternoon—a rare occurrence.

All carried leading articles this morning unanimously welcoming President Roosevelt's firm determination to support the Democracies in their struggle against aggression, the only dissenting note being struck by the Chinese Communist party organ, "Sin Hua Jih Pao," which saw in the broadcast:

1. The United States hereafter paying major attention to the Battle of the Atlantic and probably slighting the Pacific situation, since "President Roosevelt made no reference to Japan and did not attack her," and

2. Rigorous suppression of labour strikes and democratic rights in the United States.—Reuter.

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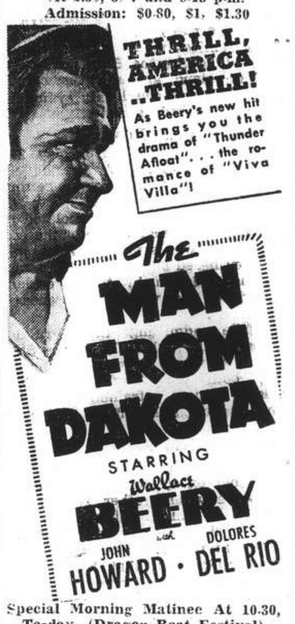

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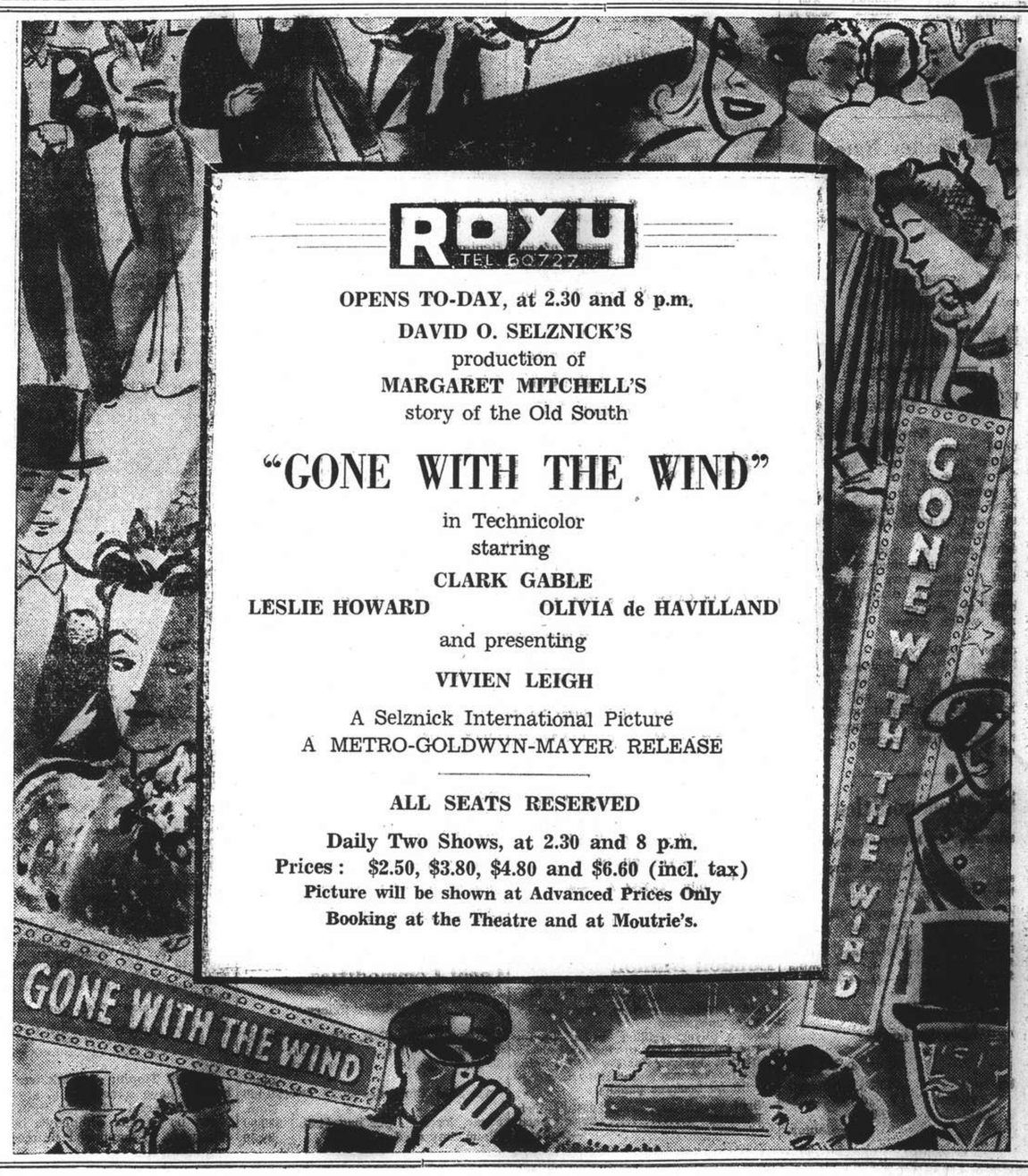

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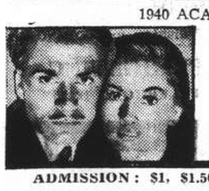

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Rupees 18⅜ 100
Pesos 10¾ 100
Hongkong $22 100
Closing rates unchanged

BANK'S BUYING RATES 10 A.M.

£1 @ 3 13/32d. .... $ 70.45
U.S. $100 @ 5½ $1,818.00
London—demand, $1= .... 3 13/32d.
4 months' sight credits .... 3 7/16d.
4 months' sight docts .... 3 15/32d.
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6 months' sight docts .... 3½d.
New York—demand, $100= ....U.S. $5½
4 months' sight credits ....U.S. $5½
4 months' sight docts ....U.S. $5 9/16
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NEW YORK/LONDON CASH RATES

£1=U.S. $4.03¾ U.S. $1=59.44d.

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INTER BANK CASH DELIVERY

	Highest	Lowest
£	3 11/32	3 21/64
U.S. $	5 7/16	5 13/32

MERCHANT CLOSING RATES

SELLING Cash		BUYING May/June	
£ T.T.	3 5/16	4 m/s. l.c.	3 7/16
U.S.$ T.T.	5⅜	4 m/s. l.c.	5½
Rs. T.T.	18⅜	15 d/s.	18⅞

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U.S. $/£ CROSS RATE CASH QUOTATIONS

New York closing rate for May 28 4.03¾
Local Sellers of U.S.$ against £ at the close 3.90½
Local Buyers of U.S.$ against £ at the close 3.91

The local market opened with uncertain sellers at 3 11/32d. sterling and 5 7/16 U.S.$. Almost immediately these rates became buyers upon speculative demand, and the market eased to 3 21/64 sterling and 5 13/32 U.S.$. Later further demand for sterling appeared at the lower rate for outport account, but in the afternoon, this demand being satisfied, quotations reverted to sellers at the latter level, the market closing dull with sellers at:—

3 21/64 sterling 5 13/32 U.S.$ Cash/June

Foreign Exchanges

Closing, May 28.

Bombay Rupee T. T. on:

Japan	81½ N	London	1/5 15/16
N.Y.	333¼-332¾	2 mths	
Shanghai	19¼	,, sellers	1/5 15/16
Hongkong	82½	,, buyers	1/6
		Japan 2 mths	
		,, sellers	83 N.
		,, buyers	77¼ N.

London £ Sterling T. T. on:

New York	402.50	Bombay	1/6
Madrid	40.00	Hongkong	1/3 1/32
Berne	17.30	Singapore	2/4 3/16
Bel. Congo	176½	Yokohama	1/2½
Shanghai	3½d.	,, buying	1/2

New York U.S.$. T. T. on:

Berlin	40.05	Brazil	5.06
Spain	9.25 N.	Japan	23.45/48*
Paris	2.32	Shanghai	5.54
Italy	5.26¼†	Hongkong	24.50
S'zerland	23.21	Hungary	19.85
,, "free"	23.24	Finland	2.05
Sweden	23.86	Manila	49.80 N
Montreal	87.500		
London			4.03¾
Buenos Aires Paper			29.78
,, ,, ,, market rate			23.80
Montreal on London			4.61¼

*—Offered N—Nominal †—Official.—Reuter.

Foreign Money Rates

London: May 28.

Fine Bank Bills,	3 months	1 1/16%
Bank Bills,	6 months	1 3/16%
Fine Trade Bills,	3 months	2¾%
Fine Trade Bills,	6 months	3¼%
Call money		⅞%

New York:

Bankers' Acceptances for 1, 2 and 3 months	0½%P
	0 7/16%A
Bankers' Acceptances for 4 months	0⅝%P
	0 9/16%A
Call money	1%

B—Bid A—Asked.—Reuter.

N.Y. Stock Market

New York, May 28.

Stocks moved irregularly with only light turnover today but firmed near the close of the session and many evened up in view of the weekend holiday and favourably Wall Street reaction to President Roosevelt's speech.

Market analysts said the speech cleared away many uncertainties. In addition, business news was good and war stocks were in demand—notably shipbuilding shares and Lockheed Aircraft which gained nearly one point.

This is a holiday day week for Wall Street. Retail business is running 15 to 20 per cent. over a year ago and probably this will be one of the biggest Memorial weeks in a decade. All forms of transportation were anticipating record travel.—United Press.

British Commodities

Wednesday's Closing Quotations

London, May 28.

Steady conditions prevailed in the London rubber market today.

London Rubber: Spot buyers 13 3/16 +1/32; sellers 13¾ unc; June del. buyers 13 7/16 +1/16; sellers 13⅜ unc.

London Metals: Tin. Standard. cash. middle price £261¾ —⅞; 3 mths, middle price £263 1/16 —1 1/16.—Reuter.

Silver Quotations

		May 28	May 29
London spot		23⅜d.	Unrecd.
,,	forward	23⅜d.	,,
,,	gold	168/-	,,

—Reuter.

Shanghai Stocks

Yesterday's Business

The market opened fractionally higher yesterday and continued steady throughout the day, movements in price usually being advances. In a small amount of business, rubbers did not attract much interest, though in this section also prices registered some advance.

Official Averages

High	Low		Today's Averages	Change
462.56	105.32	General	277.53	+1.55
485.40	95.55	Rubbers	247.62	+3.24

Total 206,125 shares, 390 bonds.

Morning Session

Yangtsze Finance					500	*15.70
S'hai Loan					1000	18.20
I. I. Trust			2000	24.25	500	*24.25
China Realty			500	9.80	500	9.75
S'hai Land			1500	13.20	2000	*13.20
	2500	13.30	1500	13.40	1500	*13.30
	4000	13.40				
Dockyards			500	25.50	200	*25.75
	200	*25.50	5600	25.50		
Asia Navigation			1000	*11.80	6000	11.80
	1000	11.90	500	11.50		
Ewo Brewery			1000	*6.40	3500	6.40
	3000	6.55	1000	*6.50	500	*6.55
	4500	6.55				
Wheelock			500	*92.50	600	*92.00
	1800	92.50	4000	93.00	1900	*93.00
	1100	*92.50	300	*93.50	1900	93.50
Ewo Mills (Ord)			200	33.75	160	34.25
	100	*34.25	1200	34.00	200	*34.00
	1000	34.25	100	34.50	500	*34.50
	200	34.25				
Textile					500	7.45
Worsted					500	5.05
Tram (Bearer) £1					200	41.50
C. G. Omnibus			100	15.20	200	15.10
S'hai Gas					600	13.00
Paper (X.D.)			500	4.90	3500	4.85
	500	4.80	1000	*4.85		
Lumber					100	44.00
Metal			2000	28.75	600	28.50
	5400	23.75	200	*28.75		
Kaiping					200	37.50
Exploration			1500	*22.75	9000	22.75
	500	*23.00	500	*22.75		
Power (Pref)					10	132.50
Anglo Dutch			500	15.90	500	15.90
	100	15.70	500	*15.80	300	15.80
Anglo Java			500	33.50	600	*33.75
	4000	33.75	500	*34.00	1100	33.50
	1800	33.75	500	*33.75	400	*34.00
	400	33.75				
Batu Anam			1000	*1.30	1000	1.30
Consolidated					500	*6.05
Langkat			2500	24.25	1000	24.00
	500	*24.25	300	*24.50	800	24.25
Rubber Trust			1000	*9.75	1000	9.75
	1000	9.80				
Kelantan					1000	0.73
Tebong			1000	1.32	1000	1.34
Ziangbe			200	*19.30	100	19.30
	400	19.20				
Cathay Land					1000	2.40
Power 5½% Debs.					3000	92.50
	36000	92.00				

ODD LOTS

Rubber Trust			200	9.85
Ewo Mills (Ord)			50	34.00
S'hai Land	100	13.30	100	13.10
S'hai Gas			10	13.20
Union Brewery			300	13.00

Afternoon Session

Yangtsze Finance			500	*15.70	500	15.70
	500	15.60	1000	15.50		
S'hai Loan			500	18.20	500	18.30
I. I. Trust					500	24.25
S'hai Securities					1000	5.95
S'hai Land			2000	13.40	1000	13.50
	2000	*13.50	2000	*13.40	1500	13.40
Dockyards			1000	25.50	200	*25.25
	500	25.50	100	*25.50	300	25.25
Asia Navigation					5500	11.80
Ewo Brewery			500	6.50	1000	6.55
	4000	6.60				
Wheelock			3300	93.00	800	*93.00
	700	92.50	1000	93.00		
Ewo Mills (Ord)			500	34.25	300	*34.25
	200	34.00	500	*34.00	600	34.25
Textile					500	7.45
Worsted			500	5.05	1000	5.00
Tram (Bearer) £1					100	41.50
C. G. Omnibus			200	15.10	100	15.00
Telephone					300	31.00
S'hai Gas					100	*13.00
Paper			1000	4.85	1000	*4.80
	3000	4.80				
Lumber			200	*44.75	500	44.75
	100	44.50				
Metal			1600	28.75	2500	23.50
Exploration			8000	22.75	1000	*22.75
	1000	22.50	1000	22.75	1000	*22.50
	2000	22.50	500	*22.75		
Power (Pref)			200	132.25	80	132.50
Anglo Dutch			100	*15.80	100	15.20
Anglo Java			1600	33.75	300	*33.75
	3100	*34.00	1300	34.00	400	34.25
	200	34.00				
Batu Anam					2000	1.30
Cheng			1000	0.73	1000	0.74
Kroewoek			1000	1.88	1000	1.90
Langkat			200	24.00	500	*24.25
	2400	24.00	500	*24.00		
Rubber Trust					1000	9.80
Kelantan			2000	0.73	2000	0.75
Tebong					1000	1.32
Ziangbe			600	19.20	100	19.40

ODD LOTS

Wheelock	90	92.50
S'hai Gas	25	12.90
Anglo Java	70	33.50

*—Direct Business.

U.S. Commodities

Wednesday's Closing Quotations

New York, May 28.

Quiet but irregular conditions prevailed in the cotton market at the outset with prices ruling from 2 points down to 2 points up. Unfavourable weather reports early induced some buying but later the market reacted on liquidation, influenced by the report from Washington that the House passage of the Smith Bill for freezing Government loans stocks was not likely. At the close, quotations ranged from 2 points down to 6 points up from the previous final levels.

Higher Singapore cables influenced advances in raw rubber prices here early in the day, but later the market reacted on hedge-selling, owing to apprehension over possible Government price control. At the last callover, losses from 7 to 15 points were recorded.

Easier conditions prevailed in the Chicago Wheat Pit on speculative selling and hedging, a poor export demand and the waning of interest in the flour market. The report of the possible non-passage of the Smith Bill by the House dampened sentiment. At the final bell, losses from ⅝ to ¾ cent were registered.

New York Cotton		New York Rubber	
July	13.17-18 unc.	July	22.40-40 —12
Oct.	13.38-38 +06	Sept.	22.15-15 —07
Dec.	13.43-44 +03	Dec.	21.55-55 —14
Jan.	13.39 N. unc.	Mar.	21.10-15 —15
Mar.	13.39-39 —01		B/A
May	13.36-36 —02		

N. Y. Sugar No. 3		N. Y. Sugar No. 4	
July	2.46-47 +01 B/A	July	0.83-84 +1½ B/A
Sept.	2.50-51 +02 B/A	Sept.	0.90-91 +1½ B/A

Chicago Wheat		Chicago Corn	
July	95¾-95⅞ —⅝	July	74¼-74¼ —⅛
Sept.	97⅜-97½ —¾	Sept.	75⅝-75⅝ —¼

New York Silk No. 1

July 2.87B-88A +1½

B—Bid A—Asked.—Reuter.

London Bullion

London, May 28.

London Gold: Bar Gold, Fine, per oz. 168/- unchanged.

London Silver: Trifling trade buying was supplied from production sources. Market steady. After the official fixing the market was featureless and steady with no business passing.

Spot .... 23⅜d. unch.
Forward .... 23⅜d. unch.

—Reuter.

New York Stocks

Wednesday's Closing Quotations

New York, May 28.

Trading was quiet and featureless on the Stock Exchange today, with quotations generally closing fractions higher.

President Roosevelt's speech had no undue effect on the market, while uncertainty over the battle of Crete tended operators to caution.

However, some investment demand was noted for aircrafts and specialties, but no follow-through support appeared on the scale-up.

The volume of business done amounted to 340,000 shares.—Reuter.

Dow-Jones Averages

	High	Low	Close	Changes
30 Indust.	116.50	115.56	116.16	+0.21
20 Rails	27.75	27.41	27.65	unch.
15 Utilit.	16.93	16.71	16.85	+0.03
40 Bonds	—	—	91.04	—0.02
11 Commod.	—	—	63.65	—0.32

	May 27	28		May 27	28
Adams Exp	5⅜	5⅜	Int T & T	—	2⅞
Alg Lud	21½	21¼	Johns Man	58	57½
Allis Chal	25⅞	25½	Kennecott	36½	†35½
AmerCan	79	79	Libbey O F	29½	†28½
Am Cyan	36½	36½	Lockheed	22⅝	22⅞
Am For Pr	0¼	0¼	Loew's	28⅜	28⅜
,, $7 pfd	*17	17⅞	Martin	26⅞	27½
Am Loco	11¼	11⅞	Mont Ward	33½	33¼
Am Metal	17	*17	Nat Avian	7½	8
Am Radtr	6¼	6⅜	Nat C B	*24½	*24½
Am R Mill	13⅜	13⅜	Nat Dairy	13½	12⅞
Am Smelt	39⅜	39⅞	Nat Dis	19½	19½
Am Sug R	*15	14½	Nat P & L	5⅛	5¼
Am T & T	150	150½	Nat Sup	5⅛	5⅛
Am Tob	62	62⅞	N Y Cent	12¼	12½
Am Wtwrks	4⅛	4¼	Niag Hud	2½	2½
Anaconda	26	26	N A Avian	13¼	13¼
Atchison	27½	27½	N Am Co	12⅞	13
Avian Corp	3½	3½	N Pacific	6⅜	6⅜
Balt & O	*3⅜	3⅜	Packard	2⅜	2½
Bald Loco	13½	13½	Paramount	10⅜	10⅞
Barnsdall	9⅜	9¼	Penn R R	23⅜	24
Bendix	33¾	34⅜	Pullman	27⅞	27⅞
Beth St	70	69⅞	Phill Pet	41⅜	41⅜
Bliss	14½	15	Pure Oil	9¼	9⅜
Boeing	13⅞	14	Radio	3⅜	3⅜
Borg War	16½	16½	Reading	*14	*14½
Briggs	19½	18½	Rem Arms	*4½	*4½
Budd Mfg	4	4	Rep Avian	3½	3⅜
Can Pac	3¼	3¼	Rep St	18½	18½
Celanese	19½	19⅜	Rey Tob B	28⅜	28⅜
Chase N B	*28⅜	*28⅜	Schenley	9⅜	10¼
Ches & O	35	34⅞	Shell U Oil	14½	14½
Chrysler	55⅜	55½	Soc Vac	9⅜	9½
Col G & E	2½	2½	Sthrn Pac	11½	11½
Col Credit	22⅞	23	Sthrn Rly	23½	23½
Com & Sth	0 5/32	0 5/32	Spicer	*29½	30
Cons Edis	17½	17½	Std Brands	5⅜	5½
Con Oil	6½	6⅛	Std G & E	*0 7/32	0¼
Copld St	13⅜	†13	Std Oil	37	37½
Curtis Wr	8¼	8½	Studebaker	4⅜	4⅞
Douglas	66½	68	Swift Int	18½	18⅜
Du Pont	142	142⅜	Technicor	8½	8½
E P Lead	*7½	8⅜	Tex Corp	39½	39⅜
Elec A Lite	25⅞	25⅞	Transamer	4½	—
Elec B & S	2	2	Tw Fox	5	5½
,, $5 pfd	*54½	55½	Un B & P	10¼	10½
,, $6 pfd	58½	58½	Un Pac	79½	79⅞
El P & L	32⅞	*32½	Un Air	39½	40½
Flintkote	12½	12½	Un A Lines	9⅞	9⅞
Gen Elec	28½	28½	Un Corp	0 9/32	0 9/32
Gen Motor	37½	37½	,, $3 pfd	21⅞	21⅞
Gen Rly	*13⅛	13	Un Gas	7½	6⅞
Gen T & R	10½	10½	U S Rub	21	21
Goodrich	12½	12½	U S Steel	53½	52⅞
Goodyear	16½	16½	Vanadium	23⅜	23⅜
Gt N I Ore	15	14⅞	Vultee Air	5½	5⅞
Gt N Rly	25⅞	26	Walworth	4½	4½
Gt W Sug	23½	23½	War Br Pct	3½	3⅜
Int Nickel	24⅜	†24½	West Elec	87½	86⅞
Int Paper	14½	14½	Woodw'd	*26	*26

BONDS

Am For Pr	54⅞	55	Erie	24½	24
Aust Com	59¼	59½	Int T & T	46½	46
Brazil	21	21¼	New Eng	62½	62
,, 6½%	17	17	Sthrn Pac	52½	52½
C S P & L	97½	97½	St G & E	86⅞	87

*—Bid. †—Ex Div.

Dow-Jones Summary

By courtesy of Swan, Culbertson & Fritz

Stock prices moved irregularly on a light turnover today, although a firm tone was in evidence near the close. Wall Street considered President Roosevelt's speech in a favourable light, in clearing up manifold uncertainties. However, the coming holiday has dampened inclination to lengthen commitments. Excellent business news included last week's estimate of a new high for carloadings, which has not been equalled since 1930; electricity production's all-time high; April employment figures which have broken all records; building's gaining; and, the retail trade 15 to 20 per cent ahead of 1940.

All markets in America will remain closed today on the occasion of Memorial Day. The commodity exchange and the cottonseed oil and pepper markets will also remain closed on Saturday.

London Stocks

Wednesday's Closing Quotations

London, May 28.

Conditions on the London Stock Exchange today were generally firm, with more activity displayed towards the close.

Interest was mainly centred on industrials, where small advances were fairly general on investment enquiry, which found stocks short.

British gilt-edged securities rose slightly, while banks, shippings oils and teas were firmly held. Kaffirs ruled quiet, while home rails tended to be easier.

Among foreign loans, Japanese bonds showed a rallying tendency.—Reuter.

	May 27	28
U.K. LOANS		
3½% War Loan (Red.)	£103 3/16	103 13/16
3% Defence Loan	101⅝	101⅝
CHINESE LOANS		
4½% Gold Loan, 1898	38	38
4½% Anglo-French Loan	37	37
5% Crisp Loan, 1912	21	21
5% Reorg. Loan, 1913	30	30
8% Stg. Notes, 1925	7—9	7—9
5% Honan Rly., 1905	10	10
5% Hukuang Rly., 1911	14	14
5% ,, ,, ,, (Ger. Is.)	13	13
5% Lung Tsing U. H. Rly.	9	9
5% S'hai-Nanking Rly.	14	14
5% T'tsin-Pukow Rly. B.	10	10
5% ,, ,, G.	10	10
5% ,, ,, (Sup. Loan) B.	10	10
5% ,, ,, (Supl. Loan) G.	10	10
5% Canton-Kowloon Rly.	9	9
5% Chinese Imp. Rly.	48	48
JAPANESE BONDS		
5% Sterling Loan, 1907	21½	22
6% Sterling Loan, 1924	26	26
BANKS AND INSURANCE		
Chartd. Bank of I. A. & C.	8⅞	8⅞
H. & S. Bank (Ldn. Reg.)	76	76
,, ,, ,, (Col. Reg.)	78 N	78 N
Mercantile Bank of India	10⅞	10⅞
National Bank of India	31	31
Un. Ins. Soc. of Canton	22	22
COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIALS		
Bristol Aeroplane	10/-	10/3
B'ti'sh American Tobacco	88/1½	88/1½
Dunlop Rubber	32/7½	32/6
Imp. Chem. Industries	30/9	30/9
United Steel	22/10½	23/3
Woolworths	42/3	43/-
MINES		
Chinese Eng. & Min.	11/-	11/-
Chosen Corp.	4/-	4/-
Marsman Investments	6/3	6/3
Pekin-Syndicate	1/-	1/-
Sub-Nigel	142/6	142/6
Western Holdings	11/6	11/4½
MISCELLANEOUS		
Great Western Rly.	33¾	33¾
Gula Kalumpong Rubber	15/-	15/-
London, Midland & Scot.	12¾	12¾
S'hai Elec. Construction	13/6	13/6
S'hai Waterworks "A"	15	15
Shell Transport & Trad.	40/7½	40/7½

Local Commodities

Yesterday's Prices

Cotton yn. 20's, D.H. p.b.	Cash	$1,440
Tungchow cotton ..	per picul	233
Shanghai cotton ..	per picul	213
		picul
Raw silk, Steamfil, 20/22 78%		$6,150
		Nom.
Flour, local ..	per bag (49lb.)	$29.00
Flour, imported	,,	29.50

Hall & Holtz Report Excellent

THE 49th annual general meeting of the shareholders of Messrs. Hall and Holtz, Limited, was held at the registered office, 190 Bubbling Well Road, on Thursday. Mr. Eric Moller (Chairman of the Board of directors) presided and there were also present Messrs. W. Mellor and J. K. Brand (directors), Captain J. T. Inch, Captain J. Tippin, Messrs. Mollers' Investments Ltd., A. C. Remedios, G. H. Purcell, S. I. Jacob, R. A. Berthet, D. A. Campbell, J.H.R. Faulkner (secretary and general manager) and E. Noakes. The total number of shares represented by those present was 20,315.

The chairman in his speech said:—

You have before you the balance sheet of the company for the last year's working, ending February 28. The recommendations in such balance sheet are set forward by your directors, and I now propose to review very shortly the year's working and the company's position. I shall be concise and not take up too much of your time, as there is really not much which calls for explanation.

The Year's Trading

The year's trading has been good—though somewhat difficult on account of the general conditions—and the Balance Sheet, in fact, speaks for itself.

You will notice that there is a substantial amount of cash at banks and in hand, a feature which has never before existed on the company's records.

Div. Profit & Loss Appropriation

Your directors are pleased to recommend the payment of a dividend of 15 per cent., absorbing an amount of $79,026 and you will note in the accounts that provision has been made to transfer a considerable amount to reserve in view of the uncertain conditions prevailing, and also to place your company in a strong position to meet any difficulties which may arise when conditions again return to normal.

If all the appropriations as set out in the report and already included in the accounts have your approval, you will note the following:—

1. That Tientsin land and buildings have been written down to $1.
2. That furniture, fixtures, and fittings have been written down to $1.
3. That genereal reserve has been increased by an amount of $200,000 and reserve for passages by a further $20,000.
4. That $58,248.94 has been provided for staff commissions and bonus at Shanghai and Tientsin.
5. That British War Funds are to receive a second donation of $10,000.
6. That after the above allocations, there remains an amount of $36,362.01 to be carried forward to next year.

Stocks

All the company's stocks at Shanghai and Tientsin have been maintained to their usual high standard and quality. Through the careful and considerate policy adopted during the past few years in depreciating stocks wherever necessary, the value of the Stock in Trade is definitely well worth the figures at which it appears on the balance sheet. In addition, there are ample stocks of goods on hand, which will tend to offset the difficulty of replenishing stocks.

Appreciation of Staff's Services

I trust that all the shareholders will share your directors' opinion, and approve the suggested method of expressing our appreciation of the services of our general manager and staff, who have worked very carefully in the company's interests during the past year. Subject to your approval the staff will now receive a full month's bonus together with their H.C.L. allowance added thereto, which—in your directors' opinion—they well deserve.

Directors' Fees

You will remember that at the annual general meeting, held on February 28, 1938, the directors' fees were reduced on account of stringent times from $4,500 to $3,000 per annum. Your directors now ask that the figure of $3,000 be reinstated to the original amount of $4,500, and I hope this meets with your approval.

There is nothing further that I can guide you upon at the moment in regard to the company's affairs—but, I shall be pleased to answer any questions which the shareholders present, would like to place before their directors.

The Chairman: Gentlemen, that is all there is for me to say. You have the balance sheet before you and you can appreciate the company's prosperous position but if anyone would like to say anything we should be most happy to hear from him.

No questions were asked, and the Chairman, remarking that by the silence of those present they had nothing serious to comment upon, said he would proceed with the resolutions.

The chairman: I beg to propose the first resolution, which is seconded by Mr. W. Mellor and reads: "That the report and accounts for the year ended February 28, 1941, as presented, be accepted." Those in favour? Those against?

The chairman: The second solution is proposed by myself and seconded by Mr. S. I. Jacob. It reads: "That the following appropriations be made:

To pay a dividend of 15 per per cent.	$ 79,026.00
Write off Tientsin Land and Buildings	22,499.00
Write off Furniture and Fittings, Motor Van and Tcol..	509.26
Transfer to General Reserve	200,000.00
Transfer to Reserve for Passages	20,000.00
Donate to the British War Funds	10,000.00
Pay Staff Commission and Bonus	58,257.94
Carry forward	36,353.01
	$426,645.21

Those in favour, Those against? carried unanimously.

The chairman: The third resolution reads: "That Mr. W. Mellor be re-elected a director of the company." It is proposed by Captain Tippin and seconded by Mr. G. H. Purcell. Those in favour? Those against? carried unanimously.

The chairman: The fourth resolution is: "That the company shall pay the directors, who have served on the Company during the financial year ended February 28, 1941, such further sum as shall effect a total remuneration of $4,500, and shall pay the sum of $4,500 per annum, by way of remuneration for services until such time as the company, in general meeting, shall otherwise determine." This is proposed by Captain J. T. Inch and seconded by Captain J. Tippin. In asking you to vote on this resolution I can assure you that the directors have done quite a lot for the company.

Captain Inch: As proposer of this resolution I think I may say that the balance sheet merits the increase in directors' fees (hear, hear).

The chairman: Those in favour? Those against? carried unanimously.

The chairman: The fifth resolution reads: That Messrs. Lowe, Bingham and Matthews be re-elected auditors of the company for the ensuing year. This is proposed by Mr. D. A. Campbell and seconded by Mr. A. C. Remedios. Those in favour? Those against? carried unanimously.

The Chairman: Well, that concludes the ordinary business of the meeting and there is really not much further for me to say except how glad I am to see you here and that I hope to see you all again.

Captain Tippin: I think we shareholders have something to say about the wonderful showing you have given us in this company's business this year. I happened to meet two different shareholders, personal friends of mine, the other day and they both said: "We are coming to the meeting to make a big noise about the wonderful work that has been done." There must have been splendid co-operation between the management and the staff to achieve such results and I think all the shareholders think as I do in offering the directors and the management their congratulations at the remarkable showing they have been able to bring before this meeting. (hear, hear).

The chairman: I thank you, Captain Tippin, and shareholders. I can assure you that not only have the directors and management worked together but all the young people, young men and young ladies, employed in the store.

Manchoukuo Five Year Plan

Changchun, May 29

Despite the international repercussion of the Chinese conflict and the European war, which particularly affected the economy of Manchoukuo, more favourable results than expected were obtained in 1940 of Manchoukuo's five-year plan, the government announced.

Contrasted with the 1939 output, specially outstanding achievement occurred in the field of light metal industry in which non-ferrous metal productions attained from 200 per cent. to 300 per cent. increase over 1939.

The pig-iron output showed 104 per cent. increase, steel ingot 102 per cent., coal 108 per cent., liquid fuel 100 per cent., lead 208 per cent, zinc 203 per cent., copper 196 per cent., light metals 200 per cent. and asbestos 107 per cent.—Domei.

Manila Gold Shares

(Sales in Pesos)

May 29.	Sales 10.00 a.m.		Prices p.m. Closing	
Atoks	.32	A	.30	B
Antamok	.05	A	.05	A
Bagiuo Gold	.15	B	.15	
Batong Buhay	.0075	A	.0075	A
Big Wedge	.30	B	.32	
Coco Grove	.0625		.07	B
Consolidated Mines	.0016	B	.0019	B
Demonstration	.0525	A	.0525	A
East Mindanao	.0825	B	.0825	B
I. X. L.	.22		.22	
Ipo Gold	.05	A	.05	A
Itogen	.175		.175	
Mambulao Consolidated	.01	A	.01	A
Masbate Consolidated	.0875	B	.0875	B
Mine Operations	.055	A	.055	A
North Camarines	.023	B	.023	B
Paracale Gumaus	.245	B	.245	B
San Mauricio	.30	A	.30	A
Surigao Consolidated	.175	B	.175	B
Suyoc	.09	B	.09	B
Syndicate Investment	.022	A	.022	A
United Paracale	.155	B	.16	B
Mindanao Motherlode	.265		.255	
Manila Hai-Alai	8.00		8.00	
Benguet Consolidated (over the counter)	3.00	A	—	

The market will remain closed today.
B—Bid. A—Asked.—Reuter.

Greater Control of Foreign Exchange

Tokyo, May 29.

Exchange bankers here anticipated greater control over the dollar foreign exchange by the United States under the proclamation of national emergency made by President Roosevelt on Tuesday, but minimised its probable effects on Japan's principal items of trade with the United States, says a Japanese report.

Japan's principal products of trade with the United States are raw silk exports and cotton imports.

Suggesting that control might take the form of licensing, these quarters declared it will affect the dollar exchange in Shanghai as well as trade with Central and South American countries and other nations which clear trade balances through New York.

The basis of settlement to balance payments between Japan and French Indo-China and Japan and the Netherlands East Indies will have to be changed if the United States tightens exchange control, as present treaties with these two countries are based on the United States dollar, the report concludes.—Reuter.

Soong Resigns Post on China Defence League

Washington, May 29.

Mr. T. V. Soong, head of the Bank of China, yesterday announced he had resigned from the presidency of the China Defence League. Mr. Soong's resignation was contained in a telegram to Hilda Hilwyn Clarke, of Hongkong, honorary secretary of the league.

"When I accepted the presidency of the China Defence League, said Mr. Soong's telegram, "it was with the understanding that the league would devote itself to securing material assistance from friends at home and abroad for the fighting forces of China and for the civilian victims of Japanese aggression.

"I feel the league should not become an instrument of internal political partisanship and since, without in any way consulting me, the league has been publishing recently statements of such nature in its official news letters I regret that I must withdraw from the league and would ask you please to publish the text of this telegram."—United Press.

Sale, Use of Explosives Banned in Madras

Madras, May 29.

"The present emergency has increased the risk of sabotage and the illicit possession and sale of explosives, and heightens the risk of sabotage in mines and industrial plants," says a Press Note issued by the Provincial Government announcing heavier penalties for the illegal manufacture, possession and use of explosives in such area.

The penalty extends imprisonment to nine years, or if the intention is to assist any state warring with Britain, to death, transportation for life or imprisonment up to 10 years in addition to a fine.—Reuter.

Japanese Note Roosevelt Did Not Refer to Japan

FROM PERCY WHITEING
N.C.D.N. Special Correspondent in Japan

Tokyo, May 28.

INFLUENTIAL Japanese circles after listening to President Roosevelt's speech found that the most significant feature in it was the entire absence of any reference to Japan except oblique references about aiding China, blocking Germany and encirclement of America by the Axis. The Japanese see in the speech another step of President Roosevelt steadily leading the United States into an undeclared war with Germany.

The Japanese were greatly impressed by Britain's massing of warships to take swift revenge on the Bismarck. An influential navy man told me that the destruction of the Bismarck was rather to be expected because Germany had been unable to send reinforcements. The Japanese, he said, admire the Bismarck's taking a lone stand against overwhelming opponents and could only sympathize with Germany's sorrow.

Press Reaction

Tokyo, May 29.

President Roosevelt's fireside chat provided the theme for an editorial chorus in the Japanese press this morning but, except for isolated exceptions, the general tone of the commentators was subdued, which must be considered significant and parallel to the omission in the President's speech of any warlike references to the Far East.

While admitting that President Roosevelt has taken the United States one step nearer to war in the Atlantic, both the "Asahi" and "Nichi-Nichi" papers refrained from commenting upon the effects of the fireside chat.

Sole Exception

Perhaps the "Kokumin" furnished the sole exception to the generally conservative and rather relieved tone of this morning's editorial discussing the President Roosevelt's speech.

One minor point also was considered significant in that for nearly 12 hours after the text of the speech was received in Tokyo, not a line of comment appeared in the press, or ever the radio, after which a large volume of it, but containing little variety, was released in the press this morning—in other words, the editorials were prepared with unusual consideration and undoubtedly reflected more than the opinion of individual commentators.

The "Hochi," most pro-Axis of all metropolitan dailies, loudpedalled President Roosevelt's references of aid to Chiang Kai-shek and asserted, "Now that the United States has dared to reveal clearly its enmity against Japan, the United States must record the fact that Japan now finds herself in a position in which she is compelled to take all effective measures to cope with hostile threats." But all in all, even this must be considered rather a mild reply.

The "Kokumin" asserted that Japan could not look on with folded arms when the United States had revealed its identity as an enemy of the projected prosperity sphere in the Far East.

Significance in Omissions

On the other hand, the "Miyako" definitely saw significance in the omissions rather than commissions vis-a-vis the Far East in President Roosevelt's speech and said, "President Roosevelt's silence in Pacific problems probably meant that he was actually not unduly concerned about the Pacific situation."

The "Asahi" stressed that President Roosevelt's demands for freedom of the seas, in the final analysis, meant control of the high seas by the Fleets of the Anglo-Saxon Powers instead of some by the Axis.

The "Nichi-Nichi" merely said that President Roosevelt was continuing his attempts to fan war-fever among Americans, while the "Chugai Shogyo Shimpo" likened the President to "a man raving about a distant fire which is not in the least endangering his own house."

Both papers scoffed at the fear that any country might attempt invasion of the Western Hemisphere, much less, the United States mainland.

One Man's Oratory

The "Nichi-Nichi" emphasized that despite the President's bellingerent conviction of Hitler, one man's oratory could not decisively shape the course of world events which were determined only by the strength of the nations involved.

It would be a different thing, the "Nichi-Nichi" said, if the United States could carry out a really effective Lease-Lend aid to Britain tomorrow, instead of a long time hence. But this was admittedly out of the question so apparently President Roosevelt had succeeded only in deepening the American people's fear of what may materialize in the future.

The "Yomiuri" pointed out the increasing dictatorial powers of the President and said that his speech embodied violent threats toward the Axis nations in an attempt to fan American war temperament to a higher pitch, and added that "our concern is to what extent will the American people be made to dance to the ominous pounding of the President's war drum."—Domei.

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FROM DAY TO DAY

TODAY is Dragon Boat Festival and a bank holiday.

SIR Herbert Holt, the Canadian industrialist, has given £55,000 to the Wings for Britain Fund to buy a squadron of Spitfires.

"THE Front Line in the Home" is the title of John Harford's new Saturday night series when he broadcasts from XCDN at 9.20.

FIFTY Polish officers in uniform formed the choir at Westminster Cathedral when High Mass was sung for the restoration of Poland.

ANOTHER broadcast entitled "Uncensored News from Norway" will be delivered by Mr. K. A. Persen over XMHA, at 9.30 p.m. on Sunday.

AN original programme to be broadcast from XCDN today at 9.30 p.m., is "Squeeze and Rhythm" in which surprises are in store for radio listeners.

IRISH residents in Argentina have cabled Mr. de Valera: "We beg you to help to save democracy and to lease bases to England for the duration of hostilities."

THE 49th annual general meeting of the Swimming Bath Club will be held today at 6.15 p.m. in the Club House. The Club will be open for members today at 6 a.m.

MR. C. I. Sipitsky, who is associated with Messrs. S. E. Levy & Co., in Hongkong, has arrived in Shanghai en route to the United States. He will leave here on June 13.

MR. Chia-teh Huang, professor of St. John's University and editor of the "West Wind," will broadcast over XMHD frequency 760, at 3.30 p.m. today on "Activities and works of the Health League of China."

STATION XMHD will be calling all boys and girls again at 5 p.m. today. Tune in to the Young Folks' hour on 760 kc or 395 m. for another programme of good things including singing, games and stories.

FOUND guilty of having mixed an inferior kind of rice with the official Hongkong rice which he was selling, Huang Pao-lin, manager of the Yu Chen Kung Rice Shop in Alcock Road was fined $400 in the First Special District Court Yesterday.

THE basket stall at the Ministering Children's League tomorrow will be in the charge of Miss R. A. Fryer and Mr. G. B. Fryer, assisted by Mrs. Arch. Sinclair, Miss Joan MacKenzie, Miss Doreen Christensen, Miss Daphne Fredericks, Miss Jane King, and Mr. John Wilson.

A FEMALE Chinese and a man were taken to the Yangtszepoo Hospital at 8.10 a.m. yesterday, following a fight in which both suffered slight lacerations. Three male Chinese were taken to hospital later in the day, all hurt in a free-for-all in the Wayside district.

THE monthly meeting of the Royal Society of St. George (Shanghai branch), was held yesterday at the Shanghai Club, when the president, Mr. H. E. Reynell was in the chair. Mr. J. H. Liddell, chairman of the Shanghai Municipal Council, was the guest of honour.

NOTIFICATION has been received from London to the effect that Mr. F. J. Sanger of the Lester School & Henry Lester Institute of Technical Education, has been admitted to Membership of the Institution of Mechanical Engineers as an Associate Member (A.M.I. Mech. E.).

TWENTY persons arrested by the Chengtu Road police on Wednesday in connection with the rice shop employees' labour agitation faced the First Special District Court yesterday. They were only briefly questioned and then remanded for a week. They were alleged to have tried to persuade shop assistants of a rice shop at 233 Weihaiwei Road to call a strike when they were arrested.

LORD Queenborough, Commodore of the Royal Thames Yacht Club, has been asked to accept a travelling kitchen from commodores of yacht clubs in the United States. The sum of £3,000 was raised, and the gift is intended for use at the ports. Lord Queenborough was also to be sent £2,500, the proceeds of the sale of the American yacht Yankee by Mr. Gerard Lambert, Rear-Commodore of the New York Yacht Club.

Two robbers arrested red-handed by the police on Wednesday during a shooting affray following an armed robbery committed in a hat shop at 345 Yunnan Road were charged with robbery in the First Special District Court yesterday. They were remanded in custody pending the inquest of a student who was killed during the shooting during which the robbers tried to escape while the police were hot on their trail. A loaded pistol was seized from the accused. It was also revealed in court that $58 out of $340 which they stole from the shop had been recovered.

MR. H. J. Andrews says he has received information that his son, A. E. Andrews, has been wounded. The letter from H.M. Consul-General here stated that he had been asked by the Prime Minister of Australia to inform Mr. Andrews that a report had been received that A. E. Andrews, 9th Divisional Ammunition Coy., had been wounded in action, further particulars being unfortunately unavailable. His son went to Australia from Shanghai a few years ago and joined up when war broke out. He sailed for England with the 2nd Division on the ss. Queen Mary and received his training as a telephonist there.

MR. Tomejiro Okubo, Mayor of Tokyo, who has come to China for the purpose of giving comfort to Japanese officers and men at the battle-fronts, arrived at Nanking from Shanghai on Wednesday the "Tairiku Shimpo" reported. On the same morning, Mayor Okubo called on General Shunroku Hata, and Lieut.-General Seishiro Itagaki, Commander-in-Chief and 2nd Chief of Staff, respectively, of the Japanese Expeditionary Forces to China and later, made a round of visits to the Japanese Army and Navy field hospitals, garrison headquarters, the Japanese Embassy, and Mr. Tsai Pei, Mayor of Nanking.

SHIPPING NEWS

The D.K.K. liner ss. **Tsingtao Maru** operating on the Shanghai, Tsingtao and Dairen service is due here from northern ports this afternoon and will dock alongside the company's Whangpoo Wharf in Yangtszepoo. At 9 a.m. tomorrow she will make the return trip north.

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The **President Monroe** of the President Lines which was tied up at buoys 12 and 13, sailed last night on her homeward voyage to New York via Hongkong, Manila, Singapore, Penang, Colombo, Bombay, Cape Town and Trinidad. The last tender left the Custom's Jetty at 9.30 p.m. No visitors were allowed on board during her stay in port.

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The motorship **West Cusetta** of the America Mail Line operated by the Everett Steamship Corporation is due here on Sunday. She will remain in port for two days and is due to sail on June 3, for Hongkong and Manila.

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The French liner **Marechal Joffre** is due to sail from Hunt's Wharf at 6 a.m. today on her return trip to Saigon and Haiphong with a consignment of cargo and passengers. She arrived from the south on Sunday afternoon bringing about 37,000 bags of rice and a complement of passengers.

Due at Future Dates

All vessels are listed under their terminal port. The first date is that of the ship's departure from that port, and the second is the date she is due to arrive in Shanghai. Where a ship's name is duplicated it indicates the port of call last visited.

On account of the present international situation there is considerable interference with movements of ships, especially those from Europe. In cases where it is definitely known that the vessel is not running to schedule the Shanghai arrival date is omitted.

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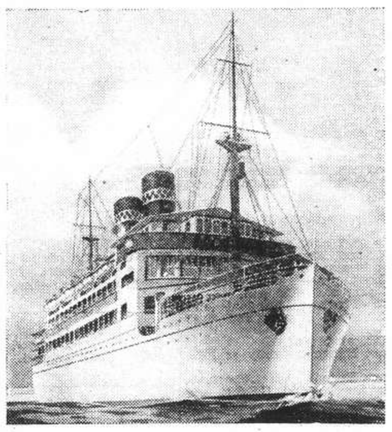
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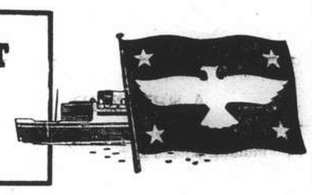

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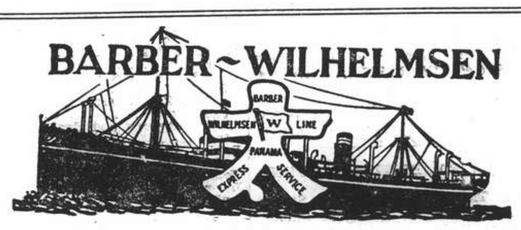

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Temperature yesterday	min. 70.0	max. 92.0	min. 63.0	max. 94.8
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NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS

SHANGHAI, FRIDAY, MAY 30, 1941 (5th day of 5th moon)

AIR AND OCEAN MAILS

Pan American Airways Service per steamer on June 5, 7 p.m. registered and 8 p.m. ordinary due San Francisco on June 17. Air mails for Europe may be sent by this service to U.S.A. for connection with the P.A.A. Trans-Atlantic Air Service.

British Overseas Airways Service per steamer to Hongkong on May 31, 7 p.m. registered and 8 p.m. ordinary.

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TO-DAY'S EVENTS

MAY

30 American Memorial Service at Bubbling Well Cemetery. All Americans and friends are invited 8.30 to 9 a.m.
30 Opening of Swimming Bath Club 6 a.m.
30 Piano Recital Marina B. Mee Lyc. 9.15
30 Cathedral Boys' School Entertainment for War Funds, 5.30
30 U. S. Memorial Day
30 Nanking Road incident, Shanghai (1925)

COMING EVENTS

MAY

31 Ministering Children's League Annual Fete, Race Club Saturday 2.30
31 'Night on Parnasse' Lyceum, 8.45

JUNE

1 Rowing Regatta
4 'Iolanthe', Cathedral Girls' School, 5.30 For War Funds
5 R.L. Op. Land of Smaile's Lyc. 8.45.
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8 10th Ann. Halutsim Ball, Arcadia, 10
10 Grand charity concert, in aid of 'The Jewish Youth Fund', Lyc. 9.
10 B.W.A. Jumble Sale, 9. a.m.
14 P.S.G. Former Pupils 'At Home', Yu Yuen Road School, 4
18 Market Garden Fair, 769 Yu Yuen Road, British War Funds, 3
19 Jumble Sale, Limbless Fund, 9.30

SHANGHAI POWER CO.

The Shanghai Municipal Council has approved an application submitted by the Company to increase its charges by the imposition of a temporary surcharge on the basic rates for the supply of electric energy to all classes of service, in addition to the existing exchange and fuel surcharges, such surcharge to be 50% based on an exchange rate of US$5.25 equals Ch. $100 and adjusted upwards or downwards monthly by agreement between the Council and the Company in accordance with the procedure adopted in respect of the exchange surcharge. This new surcharge will be applied to accounts in respect of consumption periods ending on or after July 1, 1941.

A. KENDAL WARD,
Secretary and Treasurer.

Shanghai, May 29, 1941.
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REMINDER

The Forty-ninth Annual General Meeting of Members of the Swimming Bath Club will be held in the Club House at 6.15 p.m. TO-DAY.

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1. As from June 1, 1941,
   (a) The Company may decline to supply Gas to new Industrial Consumers.
   (b) Certain categories of new Domestic Consumers may also be declined.
2. In respect to consumption periods commencing June 1, 1941, and thereafter the monthly consumption of each consumer shall be restricted to the quantity of Gas consumed by the same consumer in the corresponding monthly consumption period in the year 1940.
   Where it is not practicable to limit consumption with reference to the corresponding monthly consumption period of 1940, consumption will be limited with reference to the preceding monthly consumption period in the current year, or where this too is not practicable to the Company's reasonable estimate of requirements having regard to the number of persons in the household and/or the appliances used.
   In making comparisons with the prescribed consumption limits a margin of tolerance of not exceeding 10% excess will be allowed.
   Consumers will be notified of their next consumption limit on each monthly account.
3. Any consumer whose monthly consumption shall exceed the standard limit provided for in 2 above, shall be charged for the excess consumption at the understated rates:—
   For first excess over limit at twice the prevailing price
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   The excess consumptions penalized need not be in consecutive months.

By Order of the Board of Directors

W. J. BROWN,
Secretary.

Shanghai, May 30, 1941.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Meeting of 7% Debenture Holders will be held in the Board Room of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, Tientsin, on Wednesday, June 11, 1941, at 4 p.m. Holders of Bearer Debentures are requested, in order to facilitate the purpose of this Meeting, to notify the Secretary at the earliest possible date of the amount of their respective holdings.

BUSINESS: To receive a proposal from the Directors for the redemption of the 7% Debenture Issue (1929/1951).

By Order of the Board,

I. S. ANNAND,
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Tientsin, May 15, 1941.
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Thirty-Sixth Ordinary General Meeting of the Shareholders in the Company will be held at the Head Office, No. 185 Szechuen Road, Shanghai, on Friday, May 30, 1941, at 4 p.m., for the purpose of passing the resolutions set forth in the notice of May 13, 1941, to the Shareholders.

The Transfer Books will be closed from May 15 to May 30, 1941, both days inclusive.

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Barometer (inches)	29.63	29.66	29.67	29.76
at 32 F. (variation for 24 hrs.)	—0.04	—0.07	—0.03	+0.04
at 32 F. („ „ 12 hrs.)	—0.07	—0.06	+0.04	+0.10
Wind (direction)	SSW	S	SSW	NNW
„ (miles per hour)	19.3	8.7	8.7	4.3
Temperature (Fahr.)	88.5°	72.7°	66.9°	78.8°
Humidity (per cent)	46	80	81	58
Nebulosity (0 to 10)	1	0	6	7
Rainfall (inches)	—	—	—	—

Siccawei Abridged Report May 28	Mean 1941	24 hrs. variation	68 years average
Barometer (mean 4 obs.)	29.67	—0.08	29.81
Temperature: min. 61.9° max. 91.4°	76.6°	+7.3°	69.1°
Total rainfall January 1 to midnight before last (inches)	17.77	—	14.62

Time and Tide	30/5	31/5	1/6	2/6	3/6	4/6	5/6
Sun rises at Shanghai	4.51	4.51	4.50	4.50	4.50	4.50	4.49
Sun sets at Shanghai	18.52	18.52	18.53	18.53	18.54	18.54	18.55
Moon rises at Shanghai	8.11	9.06	10.04	11.02	12.04	13.05	14.09
Moon sets at Shanghai	22.01	22.45	23.25	—	0.06	0.45	1.24
Flood makes Shai. (day)	12.07	12.55	13.40	14.50	16.20	17.35	6.15
Ebb makes Shai. (day)	17.30	5.29	6.49	7.45	9.03	10.17	11.19
H.W. W'sung Bar (day)	14.26	15.15	16.11	17.12	5.40	6.55	8.14
Hit. above LLW. (feet)	10.95	9.69	9.30	9.10	8.48	8.30	8.47

THE WEATHER

(See top of page, left)

State on the morning of the 28th:—Low and unsteady pressure over China and Japan: high around the Bonin: normal over the Philippines. Fresh north-westerly winds over north-east China: southerly over the China Coast. Fine and warm weather in China.

State on the morning of the 29th:—Fine and warm weather. South-westerly breezes. Low and rising pressure.—Siccawei Observatory.

POST OFFICE NOTICES

(See top of page, right)

The following times apply to the Head-Post Office Szechuen Road Bridge. Earlier posting at Sub-Offices is needed.

FRIDAY, May 30.	Reg.	Ord.
Japan Korea and Formosa via Nagasaki	*20.00	7.15
Hongkong and Canton	10.30	11.00
Chefoo Weihaiwei (via Chefoo) and Tientsin	14.30	15.00
Kiangpei offices south and east of Jukao	18.30	19.00
Nantung	18.30	19.00
SATURDAY, May 31.		
Tsingtao and Dairen	*20.00	7.15
Shenkiamen and Tinghai	9.30	10.00
Hongkong and Canton	13.30	14.00
Amoy Swatow and Canton	x 15.30	16.00
Kiangpei offices south and east of Jukao	18.30	19.00
Nantung	18.30	19.00
U.S.S.R. and Europe via Siberia	18.30	20.00
Aust. N.Z. Manila and Java Ports	AX19.00	20.00
Amoy Hongkong and Canton	x 19.30	20.00
Fukien and Kiangsi Provinces via Amoy	x 19.30	20.00
Hongkong and Canton	19.30	20.00
Japan Korea and Formosa via Nagasaki	20.00	20.00
SUNDAY, June 1.		
Hongkong and Canton	x*20.00	9.15
Kiangpei offices south and east of Jukao	18.30	19.00
Nantung	18.30	19.00

*The night before.
A Parcel mail for Netherlands India, closes at 16.00 on 31st.
X Provisional time subject to alterations.
Next parcel mail for U.S.A. close on June 7, 1941.

Canton-Hanoi-Saigon-Bangkok Air Mail

Air mails close on every Sunday, Tuesday and Thursday at 8 p.m. for registered and ordinary for transmission per Shanghai-Canton Air Line to connect with the aeroplane leaving Canton for Hanoi on every Wednesday, Friday and Saturday and for Saigon on every Monday and Bangkok on every Friday. The air mails may also be sent per available steamer to Canton via Hongkong.

Netherlands K.L.M. Air Mail Service (Batavia-Lydda) per steamer to Singapore on June 6, at 3 p.m. for registered and at 4 p.m. for ordinary.

Royal Netherlands Indies Airways K.N.I.L.M. (Saigon-Batavia-Sydney) per steamer to Saigon.

Domestic Air Mail

Nanking per Shanghai-Nanking Air Line at 1 p.m. and 10.30 p.m. at Yuhang Road Sub-Office daily at 12.30 p.m. and 10 p.m.

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Tsingtao per Shanghai-Tsingtao-Dairen Air Line close at 10.30 p.m.

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